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LOCAL EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

AWARDED NECPA ACCREDITATION

(Columbus, OH, December 31, 2012) Brightside Academy, a

preschool and child care center, has recently been awarded the National

Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA). This nationally

recognized accreditation follows a rigorous process of self-study, surveys

of parents and staff, verification by early childhood education/child care

professionals, and a final review by the NECPA Board of Commissioners.

The accreditation is valid for three years, after which the program must

complete the process again in order to maintain its accredited status.

During the accreditation process all areas of the school's program

are scrutinized including administration, staff development and the

working environment, the developmental program, outdoor and indoor

environments, health and safety, and parent and community relations.

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NECPA Accreditation is reserved for exceptional early childhood programs that substantially exceed minimum state licensing requirements. Parents seeking care and education for their young children can use national accreditation as a means of locating the highest quality programs.

In awarding NECPA accreditation to Brightside Academy, The NECPA Commission states, "The NECPA accreditation program has been carefully crafted to create broad public understanding of the benefits of high quality early childhood care and education. Coupled with this increased understanding is a raised awareness of the professional expertise required to deliver that high quality care and an appreciation of the advantages that children receive from accredited centers and schools."

As an NECPA accredited program, Brightside Academy has maintained its place among a select group of early childhood education centers nationwide distinguished by their quality, their commitment to young children, and their dedication to excellence. <u>Brightside Academy is located at 1977 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211.</u>