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**Childtime Learning Center in Bakersfield  
Achieves National Accreditation**

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., February 5, 2009 – Childtime Learning Center – located at 9903 Camino Media – is pleased to announce that it has achieved the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA). They are the only early education and child care provider in Bakersfield to have achieved this prestigious recognition.

“Providing children with a quality early education program is of the utmost importance to Childtime,” said Gerri Johnson, center director. “It is an honor to have our efforts recognized by NECPA and we intend to continue providing this high level of excellence to all of the children in our care every day.”

Earning NECPA is no easy task and consists of several components. It begins with a self-assessment of the program by management, staff and parents to determine how closely NECPA standards are being met. The second step is developing an action plan to address any weaknesses, followed by an on-site visit by a trained NECPA verifier. The fourth and final component is a review by the NECPA National Accreditation Council. Accreditation is granted for three years with satisfactory annual reviews.

NECPA, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1993 to encourage the availability of high quality early education programs for America’s families.

**About Childtime Learning Centers**

Childtime is one of the nation’s largest providers of child care and preschool educational services. Over the last 30 years, Childtime has earned a strong reputation and has grown into a network of over 250 centers. The home-like atmosphere of the centers and the personal attention students receive sets them apart from other national childcare networks. For more information, please call Customer Support at (866) 244-5384 or visit [www.childtime.com](http://www.childtime.com).

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