



PRESS RELEASE

VIPS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS CERTIFICATION

March 16, 2016 Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS), a Louisville-based nonprofit organization that provides early intervention and education services to young children who are blind and visually impaired, has received accreditation from AdvancED, the largest community of education professionals in the world. The AdvancED Standards for Quality Early Learning Schools support learning, growth and development of young children in a culture of continuous improvement that engages leaders, staff and parents. VIPS-Louisville operates Kids Town Preschool, the state's only early childhood school program specifically designed for young children affected by blindness and visual impairments. Kids Town Preschool includes a full-time preschool program for children ages two to five years, as well as a Pre-Kindergarten.

This prestigious accreditation comes after an intensive process, including a self-assessment of the program by VIPS team members and an external review by AdvancED to determine the school's strengths and opportunities for improvement. AdvancED has accredited public and private schools and school systems, as well as colleges and universities, across Kentucky and the United States.

For 31 years, Visually Impaired Preschool Services has empowered families by providing educational excellence to young children with visual impairments in order to build a strong foundation for reaching their highest potential.

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