

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA

Education For Iowa's Child Care Workforce

Iowa's T.E.A.C.H. Results for 2007

- Over 300 early care and education teachers, providers, and directors completed 2100 college credits while continuing to provide full-time child care.
- On average about 14 credits per year were completed by participants in 2006-07.
- The average grade point average of T.E.A.C.H. recipients in Iowa for courses completed this year is 3.6.
- Retention rates for our participants are 90-95%.
- Over 235 child care programs and preschools have sponsored at least one T.E.A.C.H. recipient during 2006-07.
- Compensation increases of 6-7% are average after having completed one T.E.A.C.H. twelve month contract.

T.E.A.C.H. is built on four primary components

Education

T.E.A.C.H. helps participants to earn a required number of college credit hours in early childhood education each year.

Scholarship

T.E.A.C.H. offers counseling and financial support to pay for college courses, books, travel, and time away from work.

Compensation

T.E.A.C.H. recipients earn a raise or bonus after successful completion of a year of education.

Commitment

T.E.A.C.H. recipients agree to continue service as a child care professional in their current early care and education setting.

Through T.E.A.C.H. . . .

Providers can work toward degrees in early childhood education and immediately use that knowledge in their early care and education setting.

Child care programs have the benefit of more qualified staff who stay longer in the program.

Children receive higher quality care and can bond more effectively with their teachers.

Since 2003, over 500 Iowa early care and education teachers, providers, and directors have been awarded a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship to work towards an early childhood degree or credential.

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(Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Early Childhood)

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T.E.A.C.H. Partners



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA is a successful strategy supporting the result areas of Early Childhood Iowa.

Sponsors

- Iowa Department of Human Services (Federal funding through the Child Care Development Fund, Quality Targeted Funds)
- Local Empowerment Areas including: Boone, Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw, Marion, Polk, and Story
- Iowa Community Empowerment (Professional Development)
- United Way of Central Iowa (Women's Leadership Connection)
- Two-hundred-thirty-five child care programs state-wide



Iowa Dept. of Human Services



United Way of Central Iowa



Iowa Colleges

- Des Moines Area Community College
- Drake University
- Eastern Iowa Community College
- Hawkeye Community College
- Indian Hills Community College
- Iowa Lakes Community College
- Iowa Valley Community College
- Iowa Western Community College
- Kirkwood Community College
- North Iowa Area Community College
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- Simpson College
- Southwestern Community College
- Western Iowa Tech Community College

T.E.A.C.H. is much more than a check – it's a commitment

T.E.A.C.H. is a nationally licensed scholarship program built on the principles of partnership, collaboration, and strengthening existing systems. The purpose is to increase education, increase compensation of teachers, and reduce turnover in child care programs.

T.E.A.C.H. awards scholarships to persons working in child care so they can go to college and take courses toward a degree or credential in early childhood education. T.E.A.C.H. funds most of the expenses for tuition, books, and transportation although the student and the sponsoring child care program pay a portion of the expense. Students also agree to remain at the sponsoring

program for one year after every academic year they complete. The program partners the personal dollars of scholarship recipients and centers with other sources of public and private funding.

T.E.A.C.H. provides scholarships to child care providers so they can earn a degree in early childhood education while remaining at a job they love.

T.E.A.C.H. is more than just money. Through counseling and support to the scholarship recipient, child care program, and college, T.E.A.C.H. can make a positive impact on the child care system as a whole.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for those of us that want to better our understanding of young children but couldn't do it without financial assistance."

A child development home provider from north-central Iowa

"Our recipient is more aware of early childhood principles and has become more willing to increase her knowledge and commitment to our program."

A center director from eastern Iowa