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Many thanks to the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] IOWA Advisory Committee

You know your T.E.A.C.H. counselor and many of the others on the Iowa AEYC staff. But do you know some of the most important people for the success of the T.E.A.C.H. program in Iowa are those who serve on the T.E.A.C.H. state-wide advisory committee? Quarterly, these people who represent providers and programs on T.E.A.C.H., our funders, and our early childhood education partners, meet with the T.E.A.C.H. staff to set policy direction, determine recruitment strategies, and work to overcome barriers for our participants. Join us in thanking them for their time and efforts in helping to make this program a success!

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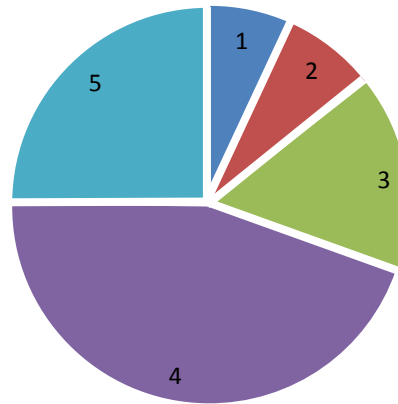
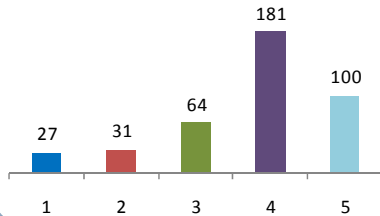
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"Education for Iowa's Child Care Workforce"

2007-2008 T.E.A.C.H. Recipients by CCR&R Region

Current T.E.A.C.H. Participation by CCR&R Region



Total Current
T.E.A.C.H. Participation
by CCR&R Region

403

Meet A T.E.A.C.H. Recipient

ANGELA ROBINSON, a registered home provider from Janesville Iowa, has been doing childcare for 5 years. Angela has been married to her husband Chris for 6 years, and is the mother of two children- Tyler 4 1/2 and Gayle 3. When Angela graduated from high school in 1998, her major in college was Early Childhood Education. She decided that college wasn't the right thing for her at that time, but always said she would go back. Then she learned about a program through her local Childcare Resource and Referral in 1995. It was the Apprenticeship/Degree Program funded by Cedar Valley Promise. This was her ticket back into school. She originally was just going to do the Apprenticeship program. Then in 2007 she learned about the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA Program. She is still with the T.E.A.C.H. program today. Angela is a big believer in things happening for a reason, believes the only reason she is in school and getting her degree is because of these two programs. "It is tough to be away from my family 2-3 nights a week, but I always said I would go back to school and I couldn't do it with out the "HUGE" support from Cedar Valley Promise and T.E.A.C.H.- Thank You!"

-Angela has maintained a 4.0 GPA since she started in 2006 and works hard to maintain this.

- Angela is a Category B Home, and is a part of Iowa's Quality Rating System, she is currently a level 2, but has applied for a level 4 !!

- Angela was also one of five recipients of the 2008 Linda Klinger Early Education Excellence Award.

- Angela plans to get her degree in the Winter of 2009, and then one of her goals would be to continue doing home childcare, but would love to have a separate house, just for her business. Kind of like a center, but lots less children and a HOME environment.

- Angela loves children, and being one of the most important people in the children's lives. "I love it when they finally 'get' something that I have taught them, such a huge reward." She has a sign in her home that says "kids are my business."

CDA Credentials: many of our recipients received their CDA credentials in the past few months. Congratulations!

Rhonda Bridgeman, Knoxville
 Nettie Cate, Boone
 Kristie Daily, Belmont
 Dora Davis, Des Moines
 Wanetta Ewing, Council Bluffs
 Addie Gooch, Council Bluffs
 Ellica Houghton, Murray
 Nicole Lind, Winfield

Michele McDaniel, Earlham
 Jean Moeller, Moeller
 Jackie Perkins, Iowa City
 Bambi Sharp, Chariton
 Christina Spears, Davenport
 Dawn Stonehocker, Earlham
 Tarah Widaman, Bondurant
 Christina Young, Council Bluffs

Adelphina Zayas, Des Moines

CDA Renewal:
 Mindy Smith, Mason City



Quality Rating System: the following T.E.A.C.H. recipients and sponsoring programs have received their QRS rating recently. Congratulations!



CFI Teddy Bear Town, Des Moines
 Kids World, Inc., Sac City



Jo Ellen Cecak, Toledo
 Rebecca Darnell, Knoxville
 Michele McDaniel, Earlham
 Dawn Stonehocker, Earlham
 Kim Williams, Harlan
 Nodaway Valley Preschool, Greenfield
 Wee Learners Preschool, Winterset



Kristy Jo Roberts, Ankeny
 Bear Basics Children's Center, Des Moines
 Little Lambs Preschool, Atlantic
 Turnbull Child Development Center, Shenandoah

College Honors: the following T.E.A.C.H. recipients received college honors Fall 2007

Graduates:

Kristi Lynne Parsons, AS in Early Childhood Education, DMACC, May 2008

President's List

Delores Hunt, DMACC
 Michele McDaniel, DMACC
 Dawn Stonehocker, DMACC

Dean's List

Kathy Swenka, Kirkwood

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tom Rendon, T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee chairperson and a member of the Iowa AEYC Governing Board, on his recent election to the NAEYC national governing board.

T.E.A.C.H. this summer is celebrating five years of serving providers and teachers in Iowa with scholarship support! Congratulations to all of you!

Did you know? Nearly 700 providers in Iowa have held a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship contract since 2003.

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Did You Know? Important announcements for T.E.A.C.H. participants

All the T.E.A.C.H. application and reimbursement forms are now available on our **website!** Go to www.iowaaeyc.org for the paperwork whenever you need to turn in a book receipt, release time claim, or let us know what classes you plan to take for the following semester. Save yourself some time, and get your funding to you even faster!

Congratulations to Jennifer Coghlan of Noah's Ark Preschool in Perry who won the **\$50 gift certificate** in our drawing from those who submitted their surveys from the last newsletter issue. **If you have not completed the survey, it's not too late!** You can send it to us and we'll send you a Iowa AEYC/T.E.A.C.H. canvas tote bag, completely free! Go to our website, www.iowaaeyc.org, if you've misplaced the winter newsletter and need to print another copy to submit the survey.

You are allowed to purchase your **textbooks** through a web-based service like Amazon.com, if more economical for you. Please submit the packing slip to us as a book receipt, or your credit card billing statement (with your personal card numbers hidden) and a completed Form B.

We have had several questions regarding the DHS requirement that **substitutes in a child development home program** meet certain requirements and not be present more than 25 hours per month. Please note that if your college classes remove you (as the primary provider) from your home for more than this number of hours per month, you need to request a waiver for permission from DHS. This may be particularly important to consider during your student teaching or practicum semesters. http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs/appeals/exception_policy.html. Contact your T.E.A.C.H. counselor for more details.

Center and preschool licensing and child development home registration requires a certain number of **training hours** every year. Your early childhood college courses taken within that year do count (but NOT your general education classes like history, science or math). **A three early childhood credit course may be considered 45 hours** (1 credit hour = 15 contact hours). Call your T.E.A.C.H. counselor if you have questions.

Don't forget that you **MUST** update your **Free Application for Federal Student Aid annually**. The best time to do this is **BEFORE June 30**, for maximum benefits. We must have a copy of the results of this application for your files every year. **PLEASE DO NOT FORGET** that this **FREE** application never has a fee or charge. There are some "bogus" and fraudulent websites that will try to charge up to \$100 for processing your federal student aid application. Always use www.fafsa.ed.gov!

Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) also provides **FREE** assistance in English or Spanish for this application process. Please contact www.ICANSucceed.org or 515-273-7307 for assistance.

We need your **grades** turned in immediately following each semester, and a **wage** update at each contract renewal or whenever you get a raise! Thanks for remembering to mail us copies of this documentation.



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