

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] IOWA

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From the Program Manager

T.E.A.C.H. in Today's Economic Times

"Things are tough all over." "Did you hear who got laid off from their employment?" "Be lucky you have a job." "What's next for me?" "Our state will always need child care providers." "It's a good time to go to college and prepare for my future."

Perhaps you've been having these conversations with yourself and your colleagues. At Iowa AEYC, we've been having many conversations about the changing economic conditions in our country, how it affects our work and if it will affect our T.E.A.C.H. funding. At this point, our best guess is funds will be tight over the next few years, so we need to be even more diligent to help as many teachers and providers as possible with the funding that we have.

Here's how we hope to address limited increases or even possible reductions in the years ahead:

- Before summer semester, we expect to need to prioritize new applicants for T.E.A.C.H., rather than accepting everyone as soon as they wish to start college. We will use several criteria, including that all application documentation has been submitted before a new applicant can be approved. This will not affect you as a current recipient, but if you know someone who is thinking of applying for T.E.A.C.H., please encourage them to apply early as we cannot approve them to start without all documentation submitted to our office at least 30 days before the semester begins.
- Beginning with spring semester, we will apply the percentage of your scholarship that you (or your employer) owes to any amount billed to T.E.A.C.H. regardless of whether you are also receiving a PELL grant. This should not increase your costs, but may decrease your reimbursement from us.

How can you help?

- Turn in grade reports, proof of completing your FAFSA annually, documentation of your wages, and other required reports promptly. This will not only keep you current and active on our program, but gives us data we can use in advocacy work for why the project continues to be successful.
- Send us a story – with pictures of you providing care (be sure to have a release from the parents of any children in your photos), or you participating in college classes, or you taking a greater leadership role in your early childhood community. Tell us how T.E.A.C.H. has supported your professional and career development and how participation in this program has allowed you to provide higher quality care. Send to your Counselor as soon as you can!
- Tell others as well! Tell your state policymakers, our funders, your Iowa Legislative representatives and other elected officials. Help us keep T.E.A.C.H. strong and growing.

Let us know if you need more information. Thank you for all you do.

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"Education for Iowa's Child Care Workforce"

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

Jolene Barker, Des Moines
Karleen Beeck, Charter Oak
Rhonda Benson, Waukee
Jessica Brooks, West Des Moines
Tonya Casey, West Des Moines
Tonya Chambers, Johnston
Stacy Chandler, Des Moines
Lori Christensen, Stuart
Shonda Clark, West Des Moines
Jennifer Cogan, Perry
Michelle Cook, West Des Moines
Tracy Davis, Cedar Rapids
Gilanne Dill, Grinnell
Rebecca Dreesen, Carroll
Pam Dunn, Des Moines
Dorothy Hull, Ankeny
Kim Klein, Cedar Rapids
Kim Kloster, Madrid
Jennifer Lemon, Des Moines,

Anna Moore, Cedar Rapids
Tewanta Miller, Ankeny
Ana Miranda, Des Moines
Amy Paradise, West Des Moines
Frances Peters, Des Moines
Reha Nikki, Van Meter
Denise Schwarting, Iowa City
Mickey Shafer, Plattsburgh
Karen Shoemaker, Sioux City
Patricia Smith, Coralville
Delores Steemken, Sioux City
Karim Stone, Perry
Karla Thomas, Indianola
Connie Thompson, Norwalk
Krista Tiffin-Mueller, Altoona
Stacy Tweedy, Des Moines
Shannon Uglum, Des Moines
Linda Vawter, North Liberty



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



Wendy Arburg, Des Moines
Michelle McDaniel, Earlham
Kimala Smith, Marshalltown



Angela Robinson, Janesville
Sadie Marcum, Waterloo
Nodaway Valley Preschool,
 Greenfield

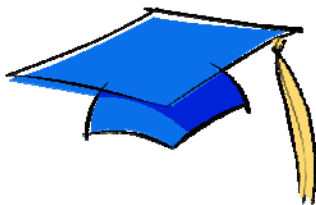


Charlotte Henry,
 West Des Moines

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

Endorsements:

Lori Nichols, PreK-K
 Endorsement, St. Ambrose,
 Summer 2008
Kristyn Olson, PreK
 Endorsement, Buena Vista
 University, June 2008



Graduates:

Erin Anderson, BA in Early
 Childhood Education, Iowa
 Wesleyan College, August
 2008
Alyssa Jurado, AS in Early
 Childhood Education, Des
 Moines Area Community
 College (DMACC), August 2008
Kimberly Richman, AA in
 General Studies, DMACC,
 December 2008
Theresa Seeman, AS in Early
 Childhood Education, DMACC,
 December 2008



President's List

Dusty Clements, DMACC
Cindy Sloan, DMACC

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following for receiving a **2009 Terri Lynne Lokoff/TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Award™**: **Wendy Arnborg**, Des Moines; **Cassandra Baker**, Des Moines; **Donna Kennebeck**, Des Moines; **Edina Koco**, West Des Moines; **Michele McDaniel**, Earlham; **Connie Thompson**, Norwalk. In **2008 Tamara Lathrop**, West Des Moines; **Susan Ward**, Norwalk; and **Elizabeth White**, West Des Moines received the award.

Congratulations to **Kimala Smith** for receiving her **Certificate of Accreditation for Family Child Care** from the **National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)**.

Congratulations to the following facilities for becoming **accredited** through the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**: **Buena Vista Early Childhood and Family Program**, Storm Lake; **Clay Head Start 0-5**, Spencer; **Hartley Head Start Program**, Hartley; **Sheldon Head Start**, Sheldon; **Sioux Central Early Learning Center**, Sioux Rapids; and **Spencer Child Development Center**, Spencer

Congratulations to **Dusty Clements** who is the proud parent of a new baby girl named Chloe who was born June 21, 2008.

Congratulations to **Emmi Binnings** who is the proud parent of a new baby boy, Remington Briar, born January 20.

Received a good QRS Rating? Are you on the Dean's or President's List at your college? New Babies? Marriages? Other good news to share? Please let us know so we can put it in the next newsletter.

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

Michele McDaniel—Michele McDaniel has provided child care for 14 years, and has been on T.E.A.C.H. contracts since the fall of 2006. She lives in Earlham with her husband and two children. She is a registered Category B Child Development Home Provider. In December 2007, Michele was awarded her CDA Credential, using the coursework from her first T.E.A.C.H. contract to meet the 120 training hour requirement. Michele hopes to soon complete the DMACC "diploma" (34 credits) and move on to completion of her associate's degree. Long term goal – a master's degree in early childhood education! In the past several months, Michele completed the requirements for the Level 5 (top level) on Iowa's Quality Rating System, and recently was named a Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Awards™ winner.



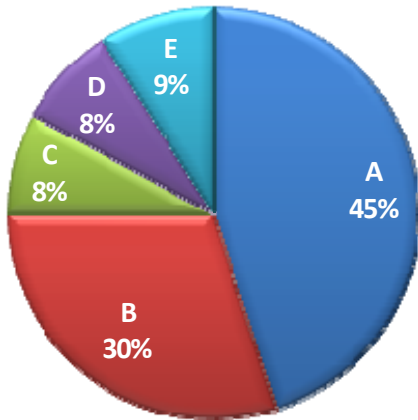
Meet our Newest Staff



Karen Teel—Karen joined our staff on September 9, 2008 as a part-time office assistant. Karen has a BA degree from Illinois Wesleyan University in French Education and a master's degree from the University of Missouri in Health Care Administration/Marketing. She assists with database management, mail distribution, and general projects. A native of Decatur, Illinois, she and her husband, Harry, have two children, Amanda, age 14, and Zack, age 18.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA

Do you know the source of the funding for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA? (2008-2009)



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| A. | State Professional Development funding through Office of Empowerment | Over \$600,000 |
| B. | Federal Child Care Development fund Quality Dollars through the Iowa Department of Human Services | Over \$400,000 |
| C. | United Way of Central Iowa Women's Leadership Connection | Over \$100,000 |
| D. | Local Empowerment Areas throughout the state | Over \$100,000 |
| E. | Fees paid by centers and scholarship recipients for their share of the T.E.A.C.H. investment | Over \$100,000 |

Be sure to thank policy makers and your elected officials for their support of your higher education and tell them the difference it makes for the children and families you serve.

REMINDERS:

You need to complete a **FAFSA** each year. As soon as you finish your taxes is a good time to do this for the next academic year.

Child Development Home Providers need to send us a copy of their **Schedule C** from their taxes each year for income verification. Please send as soon as you complete your 2008 taxes.

Tax implications of your T.E.A.C.H. scholarship

It's that fun time of year again – income taxes! Please remember that some portions of your T.E.A.C.H. scholarship should be considered taxable income.

- Release time for child development home providers is provided as income to you. If you hire a substitute to allow yourself to study or go to class, this then could be considered a business expense.
- Travel/internet stipend. All T.E.A.C.H. recipients receive \$100 for each semester they are taking college credit classes to offset your travel expenses or cover some of the costs of your Internet fees. Again, expenses such as mileage, parking fees, etc., could be considered an educational expense to offset this, if documented.
- Bonuses sent to you directly from T.E.A.C.H. Bonuses for earning your CDA or completing another year of a T.E.A.C.H. contract should be considered taxable income.

If you received more than \$600 in the 2008 calendar year from T.E.A.C.H. in these categories, you (and the government) have already been mailed at 1099 form. Even if you received less than that amount, be sure to claim appropriate amounts as income. Your statements of financial activity from each semester will summarize this for you. Don't forget costs such as tuition, books, center reimbursements for paid release time, etc. are not considered taxable.

We are not tax experts! Please consult a tax preparer for more information about your particular situation.



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