

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] IOWA

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From the Program Manager

It's been an interesting year, for all of us. Twelve months ago, many Iowans were struggling with the flooding and other natural disasters. Later in 2008, our economy took a downturn, and many child care programs were greatly affected by that as well. Little did we know that T.E.A.C.H. would also struggle because of these events. Because of the disasters, and the economy, resources we were counting on for T.E.A.C.H. may be re-directed into other areas (at this time, we still do not know our final funding amounts). We greatly appreciate the huge efforts made by many of you who advocated for T.E.A.C.H. and other early childhood initiatives, both to our Iowa Legislature and at the federal level. We are very sad that some of you were asked by us not to take classes this summer semester, and want you to know that you are "first on our list" as soon as our funding is confirmed.

Because of some of the changes, we wanted to make sure you had all of our policies in writing. You recently were emailed a booklet that describes the processes for participating in T.E.A.C.H. AFTER YOU READ IT, be sure to sign the last page and mail or fax it to us, as soon as possible. If you can't remember getting it, you can read it on our website, www.iowaaeyc.org. We will not reimburse participants after July 1 if we have not received this signature page. A hundred thanks to Pam, Pat, and the other T.E.A.C.H. staff for all their work on this document.

One of the most important new policies we are putting in place will be that we will not reimburse you or your center for ANY bills if not received within 30 days of the end of the college semester. In other words, we need your spring release time claim forms and book receipts with a form B no later than June 15, or we reserve the right not to reimburse you for them. With money getting tight, we need to be able to predict our expenses and reimburse you during the appropriate funding months for each semester. Call your counselor with any questions.

This newsletter is prepared for all T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipients and the directors of the centers with T.E.A.C.H. participants. It comes to you quarterly, both electronically and with your reimbursement check. Please let us know if it is meeting your needs.

As always, we are so proud of the effort you make as you increase your own education and professionalism. Don't forget to share your successes with us!

Have a great summer,

Barb

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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!

Kimberly Barthelman, Kalona
Mary Bruesch, Long Grove
Jennifer Bruns, Hampton
Laurie Dodd, Wapello
Brenda Dopler, Wapello
Linda Fry, Letts
Elaine Hardy, Council Bluffs
Terri Henderson, Shenandoah
Pamela Hoelker, Sergeant Bluff
Charlene Knutsen, Walcott

Elizabeth Mortensen, Des Moines
Greta Mueller, Runnells
Elizabeth Padavich, Des Moines
Janet Peterson, Davenport
Crystal Polman, West Liberty
Amanda Reyes, Davenport
Jennifer Reynolds, Iowa City
Betty Sarduy, Cedar Rapids
Linda Vawter, North Liberty
Tammy Whitfield, Perry



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



Apple Tree Children's Center, Ankeny
Apple Tree Children's Center-Heartland, Clive
Christina Heald, Bettendorf
Amber Punt, Sioux Center
Cindy Sloan, Nevada



Ann Wall, Indianola

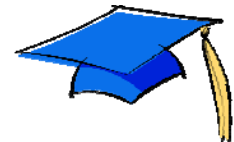


Sherri Clark, Atlantic
Denise Jenkins, Treynor
Orient-Macksburg Community Schools, Orient

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

Graduates:

Lanette Sunnquist, AA, Marshalltown Community College, May 2009
Belinda Ramirez, Child Care Technician Diploma, Indian Hills Community College, February 2009



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Keri Bolles**, Ankeny and **Tori Knutsen**, Cedar Rapids for receiving their **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)**: **Clearfield Preschool**, Clearfield; **Iowa Health Child Development Center**, Des Moines; **Oakridge Early Enrichment Child Care Center**, Des Moines; **Perry Child Development Center**, Perry; **SCICAP Early Childhood Program**, Albia; and **SCICAP Early Childhood Program**, Corydon.

Congratulations to **Belinda Ramirez** who is the proud grandparent of two new grandchildren, Paige Nichole and Jaley Kay.

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.

REMINDEERS:

All T.E.A.C.H. Iowa applicants are required to complete the **FREE** application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually. Please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply online, or go to your college financial aid office to get a hard copy. 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.

All T.E.A.C.H. participating Child Development Home Providers need to send income verification annually. Please send us a copy of your Schedule C from your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return.

Fall 2008

Participants	Sponsoring Programs	Total Credits	Associate GPA	Bachelor GPA
370	262	1400.5	3.43	3.83

Fall 2008 is the last completed term where we have received the majority of grades for courses completed to be able to share grade point averages with you.

Please send us your spring grades ASAP

Sponsoring Programs include Centers, Preschools, and Child Development Homes

GPA = Grade Point Average

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

Teresa Reetz—Teresa is the director of Children’s Imagination Station Daycare & Preschool in Denison, IA. She obtained her Associates of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Child Care Supervision and Management through Western Iowa Tech Community College in May of 1998 while she worked full-time at a packing plant. After she obtained her AAS degree she decided to go on and earn her associates of arts degree so if she someday decided to receive her bachelors degree she would have most of her electives taken care of. Once she graduated she obtained a position at the Denison Community School as a para-educator. When the child care center opened in 2002 she worked as a supervisor for a couple of years, then worked for a residential treatment center for a year, before becoming the director. Many years passed and she accepted the position as a director, this is when she heard about T.E.A.C.H. She has encouraged several staff to go through the CDA process and said that she would go through it with them to offer support and guidance. Seven completed the CDA process and received their credentials in August 2007. She always wanted to go back to college, but didn’t think she could afford it on her own unless she reached out and received student loans. Then T.E.A.C.H. came up with the bachelors program! She says “it’s been a great resource for not only me, but also for some of the staff within the center.”



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T.E.A.C.H. Can Help You Get an Early Childhood Endorsement

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA (**T**eacher **E**ducation **A**nd **C**ompensation **H**elps) assists childcare providers by providing scholarships so they can go to college and take courses toward a degree or credential in early childhood education. T.E.A.C.H. in Iowa is licensed through the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children. Visit our website at www.iowaaeec.org to learn more about T.E.A.C.H. or call (515) 331-8000 to speak to a T.E.A.C.H. representative. Under the Bachelor's Scholarship Program, T.E.A.C.H. will currently sponsor scholarships for recipients who want to get a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, an Early Childhood Endorsement to a current teaching license, or a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education WITH the Early Childhood Endorsement.

The following are the Early Childhood Endorsements that T.E.A.C.H. can assist you with:

- Birth-Grade 3, including Special Education (Unified): Endorsement #100
- Prek-K: Endorsement #103
- Prek-Grade 3: Endorsement #106

Refer to the chart below to see which Early Childhood Endorsements and Early Childhood Education bachelor's degrees are currently being offered at Iowa's colleges and universities. You can get an Elementary Education degree with an Early Childhood Endorsement at the colleges that do not offer a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. You will need to get in writing from your college or university that you will be working toward an EC Endorsement to be eligible for T.E.A.C.H. The colleges on the chart provide the coursework for a required endorsement for the four-year teaching license through the Department of Education's Board of Educational Examiners. Each college or university has different requirements for the Early Childhood Endorsements that they offer.

The following are some of the basic general requirements of an Early Childhood Endorsement. (Keep in mind that each college or university will have their own requirements).

- Specific college course requirements (Ex: In ECE, ECSE, Special Education, Psychology, Education, Communication, US History, Government, Biology and Natural Science, etc.).
- Specific number of clock hours of field experience.
- Practicum work in a school or agency setting at a specific age level(s).
- Student Teaching (Ex: 15 weeks at two placements).
- Certified in infant/child/adult CPR and First Aid.
- Have a minimum grade point average (Ex: 2.5).
- Successfully complete the Praxis Tests. Praxis I is also known as the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST). You need to take this test to enter into most college's teacher education programs. This test measures basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. The Praxis II test measures general and subject specific knowledge and teaching skills. The Praxis II test is taken as part of the teacher licensing and certification process. These tests may also be referred to as CBASE (College Basic Academic Subjects Examination).
- Pass state and national criminal history background checks.

Contact Pam Ellis, T.E.A.C.H. Counseling Specialist, for more information regarding the Bachelor's Scholarship Program. Phone (515)331-8000, ext. 17 or pam@iowaaeec.org Our website www.iowaaeec.org also has T.E.A.C.H. application materials and additional information.

Iowa Accredited College or University	EC Endorsements or ECE Degrees Offered
Ashford University	103 on campus; BA in ECE online, does not lead to licensure
Buena Vista University	103
Central College	103
Dordt College	106
Drake University	100, 103, also must complete EI Ed degree
Graceland University	106
Grandview University	103
Iowa State University	100, BS in ECE, BS Child Services Option
Iowa Wesleyan College	103, BA in ECE
Loras College	100
Luther College	103
Mount Mercy College	100, 103, 106
Northwestern College	106
Saint Ambrose University	100, BA in ECE
Simpson College	106
University of Northern Iowa	100, BA in ECE on campus
Upper Iowa University	100,103,106, BA in ECE
Wartburg College	103

100 = Birth – Grade 3, including special ed. (Unified)

103 = Prek-k

106 = Prek – Grade 3