



# T.E.A.C.H. News

*for participants and their programs*

## Looking forward, looking back

—From Your Program Manager—

As we move into the EIGHTH year of offering T.E.A.C.H. services in Iowa this summer, we are looking back at the successes of our program participants as dozens have finished early childhood degrees or endorsements, and hundreds have completed their CDA credentials. We are thrilled to announce that this summer, our **1,000<sup>th</sup> T.E.A.C.H. program participant** started on this program! This means that one thousand different child care providers, teachers, and administrators have completed some college coursework towards degrees and credentials. Of those who started college with us in 2003, some of those same people are continuing onward, having completed CDAs and associates' degrees, are now completing their bachelors' degree level coursework. Our 1,000<sup>th</sup> T.E.A.C.H. program participant is **Heidi Weaver from Lenox**, who begins her T.E.A.C.H. journey at Southwestern Iowa Community College this summer. Heidi is a registered child development home provider who is at level two (and climbing) on Iowa's Child Care Quality Rating System. Heidi has been providing child care for two years, but already is thinking about making this her profession. She is starting the CDA courses through the community college, and would be on track to earning her credential in 2011. On her application, Heidi states, "I want to help build a strong foundation of learning for our children...I also want to show my own children that you never stop learning." Heidi and her husband have four children; Alex, Cassidy, Johnathan, and Jacob. Heidi shares, "I really appreciate this chance to continue my education. There would be no way without the T.E.A.C.H. program. Thank you for all your help and it is nice to know that there are people in this world that do want to help you out. I am new to all this and Stacie has been an awesome help!" In recognition of being our 1,000<sup>th</sup> T.E.A.C.H. participant, Heidi will receive a free one-year membership in Iowa AEYC and a gift basket including a Kaplan Early Learning gift certificate.

What's happening next? Just about five hundred people are still currently active with the T.E.A.C.H. program. As T.E.A.C.H. moves into our next fiscal year as of July 1, our funding indications seem that next year will be equal to our current levels. This means that we can continue to support your current T.E.A.C.H. contract, and hope to be able to offer you the next twelve-month contract during the year ahead. We are still recruiting new providers and teachers to join our program, so if you know someone who could benefit from our program, encourage them to call us. We are especially seeking staff from Head Start programs and NAEYC accredited centers, or anyone wishing to take college credit classes to earn their CDA credentials.

Spread the word about your success, and help others begin their professional development journey with help from T.E.A.C.H.!

Enjoy the great weather, and be sure to take some time to do something good for yourself!

**Barb**

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## Other Congratulations

**NAFCC Accreditation:**  
*The following current or former T.E.A.C.H. participants have been accredited as family child care providers by the National Association for Family Child Care*

**Jon Beede**—Creston  
**Keri Bolles**—Ankeny  
**Victoria Early**—Cedar Rapids  
**Christina Heald**—Bettendorf  
**Debra Irving**—Princeton  
**Tori Knutsen**—Cedar Rapids  
**Jenn and Aaron Jackson**—  
Carlisle  
**Becky Murphey**—Davenport  
**Lorraine Murray**—  
Des Moines  
**Brenda O'Halloran**—Grinnell  
**Stacey Schakel**—Pella  
**Kimala Smith**—Marshalltown  
**Kathy Swenka**—  
North Liberty  
**Kim Wink**—Cedar Rapids

If your program is nationally accredited (NAEYC or NAFCC) and is not on our lists, please let us know!

Please let us know of your honors and celebrations before July 1, 2010 for inclusion in our summer newsletter.

## Congratulations!

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

**Theresa Berendes**—Blue Grass  
**Amy Bice**—Cherokee  
**Jill Biggerstaff**—Sioux City  
**Peggy Brinton**—Perry  
**Joplyn Cannon**—Council Bluffs  
**Teresa Dawdy**—Ogden  
**Silvia Diaz**—Estherville  
**Jeanna Fisher**—Davenport  
**Rachel Ginger-Klein**—Sheldon  
**Meaggan Horton**—Iowa City  
**Roxanne Huseman**—Hartley  
**Rachel Ledger**—Wilton  
**Alexandria Meador**—Buffalo  
**Katie Millard**—Council Bluffs  
**Jamie Patterson**—Leon  
**Lizbeth Ramos**—Estherville  
**Victoria Reyes**—Davenport



**Lesley Ring**—Neola  
**Tammy Ruby**—Des Moines  
**Maria Ruiz**—Estherville  
**Kathy Schaeffer**—Marshalltown  
**Karen Slaby**—Davenport  
**LaToya Smith**—Des Moines  
**Linda Stovall**—Dubuque  
**Chandra Wright**—Pleasant Hill  
**Jennifer Young**—Davenport

### *CDA Renewals*

**Lorie Hoffman**—Manchester  
**Mary Honts**—Muscatine  
**Julie Pratt**—Council Bluffs  
**Andrea Stewart**—Ellston  
**Barbara Strange**—Mount Ayr  
**Norma Sturm**—Council Bluffs

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



**Allison-Bristow PS**—Allison



**Elizabeth Jamie Clancy**—Waterloo  
**Stacey Gunter**—Council Bluffs  
**Jackie Perkins**—Iowa City  
**Waypoint-Uptown Kids**—Cedar Rapids



*College Honors: the following T.E.A.C.H. participants received college honors recently. Congratulations!*

### **Early Childhood Endorsements:**

**Barb LaGrange**—Endorsement # 106—Simpson College—February 2010  
**Lynne VanderPloeg**—Endorsement # 106—Northwestern College—February 2010

### **Graduates:**

**Barb LaGrange**—BA—Simpson College—February 2010  
**Amanda Boisen**—AAS—Western Iowa Tech Community College—December 2008  
**Amy Boyer**—AA—Eastern Iowa Community College District (Scott)—December 2009  
**Melissa Brummel**—AA—Des Moines Area Community College—May 2010  
**Shirley Scatz**—AS—Northeast Iowa Community College—May 2010  
**Cassandra Strickler**—AA—Des Moines Area Community College—May 2009



*The following are NAEYC Accredited centers who are sponsoring, or have in the past sponsored, one or more T.E.A.C.H. participants!*



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| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —Ankeny    | <b>Murray Community School</b>              |
| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —Clive     | <b>Preschool</b> —Murray                    |
| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —Johnston  | <b>Muscatine CSD-Jefferson Shared</b>       |
| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —          | <b>Visions Preschool</b> —Muscatine         |
| Main Street, Norwalk                           | <b>Native American Childcare Center</b> —   |
| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —Urbandale | Sioux City                                  |
| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —          | <b>Oakridge Early Enrichment Child Care</b> |
| Ashworth Road, West Des Moines                 | <b>Center</b> —Des Moines                   |
| <b>Apple Tree Children's Center</b> —          | <b>Perry Child Development</b>              |
| Grand Avenue, West Des Moines                  | <b>Corporation</b> —Perry                   |
| <b>CAAS-TePoel Shared Visions</b> —Sioux City  | <b>SCICAP-Albia Head Start</b> —Albia       |
| <b>Capitol Park Early Learning Center</b> —    | <b>SCICAP-Corydon Head Start</b> —          |
| Des Moines                                     | Corydon                                     |
| <b>CASEI-Burlington HS/EHS Flint Hills</b> —   | <b>Science Center of Iowa Preschool</b> —   |
| Burlington                                     | Des Moines                                  |
| <b>Children's Center</b> —Council Bluffs       | <b>Spencer Community Schools Early</b>      |
| <b>Childtime Learning Center</b> —Ankeny       | <b>Childhood Center-A Child's</b>           |
| <b>Creative Center</b> —Des Moines             | <b>Garden</b> —Spencer                      |
| <b>CUCCC-Nordic Drive</b> —Cedar Falls         | <b>Stepping Stones Early Learning</b>       |
| <b>CUCCC-Valley Park</b> —Cedar Falls          | <b>Center</b> —Knoxville                    |
| <b>Diagonal Pre-School</b> —Diagonal           | <b>Step-Up Preschool-Polk</b> —             |
| <b>Evelyn Davis Early Learning Academy</b> —   | Cedar Rapids                                |
| Des Moines                                     | <b>The Children's Place</b> —               |
| <b>Family Resource Center</b> —Mount Ayr       | West Des Moines                             |
| <b>Iowa Health Child Development Center</b> —  | <b>UDMO ECP-Jefferson School</b> —          |
| Des Moines                                     | Spencer                                     |
| <b>Kiddie Karrasel Academy</b> —Le Claire      | <b>UDMO-Child Development Center</b>        |
| <b>Kirkwood Kids Child Care Center</b> —       | Johnson—Spencer                             |
| Cedar Rapids                                   | <b>UDMO-HMS Head Start</b> —Hartley         |
| <b>Linn County Child Development Center</b> —  | <b>UDMO-Sheldon Head Start</b> —Sheldon     |
| Cedar Rapids                                   | <b>UDMO-Sioux Rapids Early Learning</b>     |
| <b>Little Dragon Preschool</b> —Johnston       | <b>Center</b> —Sioux Rapids                 |
| <b>Little Roadrunner Preschool/I-35</b>        | <b>Uncle Sam's Federal Child Care</b>       |
| Preschool at Truro                             | <b>Center</b> —Des Moines                   |
| <b>MATURA-Nodaway Valley Developmental</b>     | <b>UNI Child Development Center</b> —       |
| Preschool—Greenfield                           | Cedar Falls                                 |
| <b>Messiah Lutheran Preschool</b> —Burlington  | <b>University Community Childcare</b> —     |
|  | Ames  |

## Did you know?

- Online Unified Endorsement offered at Northwestern College**  
Northwestern College has developed the Unified Endorsement 100 (Birth-Grade 3, including special ed) into an online option for non-traditional students with only five required classes. This Endorsement is now offered for undergraduate credit for those holding an Elementary Education teaching license. This program has been approved by the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners. Contact Dr. Lila Sybesma at Northwestern College [lila@nwc.edu](mailto:lila@nwc.edu) for more information, or contact Pam Ellis at T.E.A.C.H. [pam@iowaaeyc.org](mailto:pam@iowaaeyc.org) if you are interested in a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship to add this Endorsement.
- Help us welcome Kristyn Lemberg**, who is with us for the summer as a temporary T.E.A.C.H. Counseling Specialist. Kristyn's first day was May 20, just a few weeks after she graduated with an early childhood degree from Iowa State University. Kristyn will be assisting us while Jamie and Stacie are on leave until August. Contact Kristyn at [kristyn@iowaaeyc.org](mailto:kristyn@iowaaeyc.org), or one of our other staff, for your T.E.A.C.H. counseling and reimbursement needs this summer, until Jamie and Stacie return.
- We are encouraging all programs with T.E.A.C.H. participants to take part in Iowa's Quality Rating System and to achieve a level two or higher. Please fax or mail us a copy of your QRS certificate whenever you receive a new or renewed rating.

**Pella CDA Cohort** officially started January 2010. Des Moines Area Community College (DMAACC) is making a special exception to provide these classes right in Pella, despite not having a campus there. There are nineteen people enrolled in the class and T.E.A.C.H. is supporting ten of them. They have received additional supports from their funders.

**Spring semester** they took *Introduction to Early Childhood and Health, Safety & Nutrition*. They are taking the summer term off and then resuming class in the fall with *Guidance, Curriculum*, and a Lab where the instructor observes each of them in their setting. They will then be ready to apply to the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, DC for their credential in January and should hopefully receive that by the end of March 2011.

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## Not able to receive a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship...What next? Part 1

### ***This is the first in a series of articles on financial aid opportunities.***

If your center will not sign a T.E.A.C.H. contract, or you are not able to receive a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® IOWA scholarship, because you do not work directly in child care or you are not working on an eligible degree—there may be help for you! Check with your college financial aid office.

Be sure to apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This is part of the U.S. Department of Education and allows you to apply for federal aid online. The fastest way to file the FAFSA is online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This web-based form includes online assistance and can be processed faster by signing the FAFSA with your Department of Education PIN. You can apply for a PIN while you complete the FAFSA on the web. Paper forms for mailing can be obtained by calling 1-800-4-FEDAID (800-433-3243). You must complete a new FAFSA for each new school year. You should gather the documents you need in advance. Ex: Social Security number, driver's license, income tax return, bank investments and investment records, your alien registration number (if you are not a U.S. citizen). Keep in mind that you NEVER have to pay for a FAFSA to be processed!! A complete FAFSA is your application for federal and state scholarship and grant programs. It is used to determine eligibility for Federal Stafford and PLUS Loans. Additionally, some colleges use the results of FAFSA to determine eligibility for their own aid. You should apply as early in the year as possible. After submitting your FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). You should get this within a few days if you apply electronically and within a few weeks if you filed by paper. The SAR will give you Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This number measures your financial need and determines your eligibility. The SAR is sent to each college or university that you list on your FAFSA. Keep in mind that

scholarships and grants do not need to be paid back, but student loans do.

Examples of aid through FAFSA:

Pell Grant: This is federal money awarded that is based on financial need and does not have to be paid back. Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduate students who have not yet earned a bachelor's or professional degree. They are issued to the college/university you designate.

Stafford Loans: These loans are available to undergraduate and graduate students of all income levels. There are two types: Subsidized Stafford Loans, for those with demonstrated financial need. The interest is paid by the government while you are enrolled in school at least half-time, during your six-month grace period. And Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, for those who do not have to demonstrate financial need to qualify. You will be charged interest when you receive the funds until the loan is paid off.

Individual College/University Scholarships: Schools may offer scholarships each year based on merit and/or achievement. Many of these scholarships consider financial need based on FAFSA results. Scholarship selection at individual schools is sometimes competitive and not all applicants will receive a scholarship. Many scholarships may require full-time enrollment and maintaining a specific grade point average. The scholarships are sometimes available in specific majors and departments. Some scholarships may be based on diversity. Be sure to look at your schools website or contract the school's financial aid office regarding individual school scholarships.

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