

T.E.A.C.H. News

for participants and their programs

You Are Invited To Celebrate Your Profession and Your Passion, and Play With Us in October!

—From Your Program Manager—

T.E.A.C.H. participants put in long hours with college classes, homework, and studying for tests. We would like to suggest you take a few days in October and celebrate your commitment to this profession with us by registering for and attending the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children annual conference, "Early Childhood: Our Profession, Our Passion, Our Play". On October 15-16 over 700 early childhood professionals in many different roles from across the state will gather to hear two exceptional keynote speakers, choose from over 100 workshop options, visit dozens of exhibits, visit centers on tour, sign up for the new child care registry, and network with new friends and old. There will be a special networking reception just for those involved in the T.E.A.C.H. program, with refreshments and gifts.

Luis Hernandez from Kentucky will inspire us with "**We are family: Refreshing a few key principles in best practices**". On Saturday, Dina Emser from Illinois will help us "**Trusting the Fortune Within**".

Go to the Iowa AEYC website to find registration materials and details about the workshops, the keynote speakers, and the tours: www.iowaaeyc.org

On Thursday, October 14, our partners at the Iowa Head Start Association will offer their fall conference at the same hotel location near the Des Moines airport. Go to www.iowaheadstart.org for their conference details, and plan to attend all three days if you can!

If you are a member of Iowa AEYC, you receive a substantial conference discount, as well as eligibility for other scholarships and special events throughout the year. You can become a member when you register. If you are already a member, check our website for conference scholarship applications. We hope to award at least a dozen of our members with "free" registrations to attend this fall's conference.

Through T.E.A.C.H., we are getting to know many of you, and know that your commitment to this profession grows with every class you complete. As a professional and an emerging leader, we want you to spend time with others who can learn from your experiences, and we can all encourage each other to be the best we can be, on behalf of Iowa's young children. I find attending conferences to be a highlight of my professional experience every year, and like many of you, I have attended the Iowa AEYC conference nearly every fall for the past 20+ years. **Don't miss it!**

See you in October!

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Other Congratulations

NAEYC Accreditation:

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

Children's Village West —
Davenport

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

Amy Speed – Hiawatha

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

Congratulations to **Abby Leib** who is the proud parent of a baby boy named Gage Ryder, born July 6, 2010. He weighed 10 pounds 5 ounces.

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

Congratulations!

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

Julie Andreas— Muscatine
Karleen Beeck— Charter Oak
Siri Christy— Spencer
Tracy Ehlert— Cedar Rapids
Teresa Fischer—Dubuque
Denise Gaeta— Muscatine
Tiffany Harper—Paulina
Kathy Heiken— Clinton
Jennifer Hjelle — Mason City
Lorraine McCoskey— Webster City



Jean Meek — Washington
Marissa Parks— Moorland
Dana Ruckebell— Coralville
Jackie Ruge— Des Moines
Nicole Scatino-Talley— Urbandale
Susan Schumacher — Dubuque
Christine Sherrod— Creston
June Smith— Fort Dodge
Sonia Wallis— Slater

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



UNI Child Development Center — Cedar Falls



Tri County Head Start-EMA – Waterloo



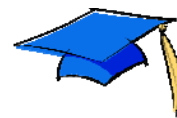
TLC: The Learning Center – Charles City

Finley/Dubuque Community Y Child Care Center – Dubuque

Growing Bear Daycare and Preschool, Inc. – Waukon



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



Early Childhood Endorsements:

Joyce Martinez – Endorsement #103 – Ashford University – May 2010

Holly Sieg – Endorsement #103 – Buena Vista University – May 2010

Graduates:

Brenda O'Halloran – BA – Ashford University – June 2010

Wendy Arnborg – AS – Iowa Valley Community College – May 2010

Melissa Brummel – AA – Des Moines Area Community College – May 2010

Michelle Clime – AS – Des Moines Area Community College – May 2010

Victoria Early – AS – Iowa Valley Community College – May 2010

Brenda Klemme – AAS –Eastern Iowa Community College District – May 2010

Amie Littlefield – AS – Iowa Valley Community College – May 2010

Rebecca Murphey – AA – Eastern Iowa Community College District – May 2010

Cindy Sloan – AS – Des Moines Area Community College – May 2010

Kim Wink – AS – Iowa Valley Community College – May 2010

Diplomas:

Dawn Stonehocker – Diploma – Des Moines Area Community College – May 2010

Not Able to Receive a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship... What Next? Part 2

This is the second in a series of articles on financial aid opportunities.

The following are some options for financing school if you do not receive grants, scholarships or Stafford Loans:

Tuition Payment Plans: Some schools allow you to make payments over several months on your tuition.

Federal Perkins Loans: Some schools receive funding from the federal government to make low interest loans to students with financial need.

Federal Grad PLUS Loans: For students enrolled at least half time in graduate and professional programs.

Private Loans: Use only as a last resort. They are not federally insured and may be more costly.

Iowa College Aid provides a scholarship search at www.IHaveaPlanIowa.gov to several reputable scholarship searches that allows you to customize your search for local, national and college-specific scholarships.

Iowa College Aid has additional information on financial aid, student loans, higher education tax benefits, etc. Here is their contact information:

Phone: 877-272-4456; Email: info@iowacollegeaid.gov

Website: www.iowacollegeaid.gov

Other Scholarship or Financial Aid Opportunities

TEACH Grant Program

(This is different from the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] IOWA Scholarship program). Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

For more information, Go to the following website www.studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp

You should also contact the financial aid office at the college where you will be enrolled to find out if they will participate in the TEACH Grant Program.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. You must teach for at least 4 academic years within 8 calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

In the Fall T.E.A.C.H. News we will continue with additional "Other Scholarship or Financial Aid Opportunities".

Did you know?

- 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.
- T.E.A.C.H. cannot reimburse you for the sales tax that you pay for your books. We **will** reimburse shipping costs if you purchase your books online.

Reminders

- You need to send us your spring and summer grades as soon as they are issued.
- If you are a center staff T.E.A.C.H. participant we need to receive your Form C (summer release time) no later than September 15.
- For a contract to be considered complete (in order to get your raise or bonus) we need all your grades for that contract.
- Upon completion of a contract you need to return the form U (information update) with wage verification along with an evaluation form.
- For you to be an active participant on T.E.A.C.H. this fall we must have a signed contract that includes the Fall 2010 term and a Form R listing the courses you are taking this fall.
- Complete and return your Form B or B/C (book reimbursement) as soon as you've purchased all your books for fall.



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

Dianna Williams – Dianna started with T.E.A.C.H. in the spring of 2007 and took classes toward her CDA at Southwestern Community College. She received her CDA Credential in June of 2008. She continued to take classes at Western Iowa Tech Community College, and received her Associate degree in spring 2010, graduating with honors. Dianna said, “It was an incredible day and it couldn’t have happened without help from T.E.A.C.H. It was an experience I will NEVER forget.”

Dianna says she loves every aspect of her job, including interacting with the children as well as with parents and seeking out grant opportunities. She provided in home child care for 13 years while her children were young, and then became Director/Lead Teacher at Little Lambs Preschool in Zion Lutheran Church

in Atlantic. After four years of teaching and directing, she took on the director’s responsibilities full-time. She additionally started up a Before- and After-School Program at the church. She has always taken ongoing classes and trainings to keep informed and educated on current teaching trends and skills.

In the spring of 2010, Dianna became the Director of a brand new child care program for the Nishna Valley Family YMCA in Atlantic. They opened at the end of June and are filling up with new children. Dianna is planning to continue with T.E.A.C.H. and start working on her Bachelor degree this fall at Ashford University in Clinton.

Graduation day:

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—Dianna Williams, Atlantic—

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