



## **Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children**

### **Questions and Answers about T.E.A.C.H.**

#### **What will this program support?**

*T.E.A.C.H. invests in people currently providing early care and education who wish to earn a college degree. Currently, available funds are supporting associate, bachelor degrees and endorsements in early childhood education and Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials.*

#### **Who is eligible?**

*Any early care and education provider in Iowa who works in a regulated home, preschool, or child care center at least thirty hours each week (or full-time for the hours your preschool offers programming to young children) and has been working at their current location for at least 90 days (or 6 months for bachelor applicants).*

#### **Where can I go to college?**

*For the associate scholarship, any community college in Iowa; for the bachelor scholarship, any college in Iowa that has an ECE program. Only courses required in the degree programs will be approved to be supported by the scholarship. This can include the general education requirements such as English, math, etc. CDA classes are only directly supported if for college credit and at an Iowa community college.*

#### **What will T.E.A.C.H. pay for?**

*T.E.A.C.H. is a public-private partnership, investing in our child care workforce, supporting tuition up to 15-20 credits per year, books, release time (to allow for substitute caregivers to care for the children while you are in school or studying), travel costs, and an annual bonus or raise. The individual attending school (or his/her Pell grant) and/or the employing program supports 20 – 70% of this investment, depending on the option chosen.*

#### **Where do these funds come from?**

*In part from the Iowa Department of Human Services through federal funding from the Child Care Development Fund, from the Iowa Department of Education, from United Way of Central Iowa Women's Leadership Connection, from Early Childhood Iowa Professional Development; and from local Early Childhood Iowa Areas including Black Hawk and Polk Counties, from CCR&R of Northeast Iowa, and from the child care programs who co-sponsor a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship participant.*

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