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T.E.A.C.H. POLICY CHANGES AND NEW PROCEDURES STARTING FALL 2017



Starting with the Fall 2017 semester, T.E.A.C.H. will be implementing several policy and procedure changes to improve our services to you.

For example, starting with the Fall 2017 semester, T.E.A.C.H. will begin paying when a scholarship recipient fails or withdraws from a course for the first time. When enrolling in the same course later, the scholarship recipient will be responsible for payment. Except for some specific math courses, T.E.A.C.H. will not pay for the same course a second time. T.E.A.C.H. will be establishing professional development plans regarding school with each scholarship recipient

and require the use pre-authorization forms.

Please keep a look out for a detailed explanation coming in the mail to your home address. If you are still within an active contract period, you will also be receiving an addendum to your current contract so that you will be included in the new policies and procedures.

Recipient Spotlight

My name is Brittany Zimmerman and I began my college adventure in 2008. When I first graduated high school, I knew for sure that I wanted to be a nurse, so I set off to Salisbury University. While attending college, my mom needed to undergo back surgery. My mom has owned and ran a home daycare for the past 28 years and I did not want to see her lose clientele, so I decided to run her daycare while she was recovering. I fell in love with working with the children and I knew that this was my passion. I closed the chapter of wanting to become a nurse and I switched schools and majors. I started attending Delaware Technical and Community College pursuing a degree in Early



Childhood Education: Birth to Second. I had no idea how I was going to pay for school, because I had invested my scholarships and grants at Salisbury University. That's when I heard about the program T.E.A.C.H. I have to say without the help of T.E.A.C.H I would not have been able to financially afford college.

After graduating from Delaware Tech with my Associates, I went on to pursue my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood at Wilmington University. This college adventure was a little different than the first. I started Wilmington at the end of 2015. I married my husband in April of 2016 and we also purchased our first home together. In May I found out that I was pregnant with my first child and the joy was overwhelming. I was beyond excited. Unfortunately, it was not the Lord's will and I miscarried in June. It was devastating but I went on with life and figured I would dive harder into my school work. I had signed up for seven classes for the upcoming semester. Then in July, my husband and I discovered that I was pregnant again. Still healing from the loss of our first child I tried not to get too excited because you never know what can happen. But, this time God knew we were ready.

Begin pregnant and attending college, is certainly an adventure. I remember sitting in the science lab have the weirdest food carvings. I did have morning sickness, so the fun of preparing for a test in the morning was not always the best. On the bright side, I couldn't really sleep well at night, so I had plenty of time to write papers! I crammed all my remaining classes together so that I could finish Wilmington University two weeks before my son arrived. I was so worried that he was going to come early and I would miss finals. It is not the easiest road being pregnant and attending college, but extremely awarding.

My college adventure has been one for the books. I would never change the way it went. I am extremely thankful to T.E.A.C.H for all their help and support. I want to extend a special thank you to Lynn Jezyk, she has been there for me from the start of my T.E.A.C.H journey. I honestly can say that through our many emails and phone calls, I have developed a friendship with Lynn. She has been there to answer any of my questions and when I was extremely worried at certain points in my college career, she was there to assure me that everything was going to be okay. If I have any advice for someone attending college it would be, "never stop". Life is going to happen and things may not look like they are going to line up the way they should, but they will! It may be a crazy ride, but when you have the diploma in your hand all the late nights and living on caffeine will be worth it.



Just a reminder:

If you have not submitted your Form B for Spring 2017, please do so ASAP. We will not be able to process tuition payments to the colleges and Universities nor will we will able to process your book, travel, or release time claims with out this form. If you did not purchase books, please mark N/A on the book section. Generic Form Bs can be found on our [website](#) - [click here](#).

In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"It personally has helped me financially to attend school and work towards my degree. Professionally it helped me gain more knowledge and respect for teachers." ~ Assistant Teacher, Wilmington



"It meant a lot because it could help me advance in my career and learn more about early childhood education." ~ Teacher, Newark

"It has enabled me to grow professionally." ~ Teacher, Wilmington

Scholarship Recipient Annual Evaluations



Thank you to all who return their annual evaluation when you renew your contract! We have received 99 evaluations for 2016! For 2017 we will be changing the evaluation format to be online. You will receive an email from Lynn with the link to complete the evaluation via Survey Monkey. This online format allows us to analyze the data in a much more efficient manner. We have been manually entering all of the responses for the past 2 years, which is very time consuming! Our hope is to have all evaluations completed online for 2017! If you cannot access the online evaluation when Lynn emails you the link, please touch base with her for a paper copy.

Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for some of the data from the 2016 responses!

RENEWAL TIME for Contracts Expiring on 5/31/2017 and 8/31/2017

It's renewal time if your contract is set to expire on 5/31/2017 or 8/31/2017 if you are also registering for the Summer and Fall 2017 semesters at the same time. There will need to be a fully signed renewal contract on file at T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Delaware (T.E.A.C.H.) before a charge approval can be sent to school.



If you will be renewing, please contact Lynn Jezyk, T.E.A.C.H. Counselor by phone at 302-764-1501 or email ljezyk@daeyc.org to let her know and she will send out the required documents. Please note that as part of the renewal process, you will need to complete an Information Update Form and our T.E.A.C.H. evaluation which also can be done online. In addition, you will need to submit another recent pay stub, another W-9 signed by you as an individual and the Center's current child care license. After receiving your renewal documents, Lynn will generate a new contract and send the contract back to you for signatures. You will need to send a fully signed contract back to T.E.A.C.H. so that a charge approval can be sent to school upon receiving your registration information. Please remember to follow your school's procedures when registering as a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipient.



Summer and Fall Registration dates

It is that time again!! Registration for Summer and Fall classes has already began: Wilmington University Fall registration begins May 1st while Summer registration began February 27th. Springfield College Wilmington Fall registration began this week. Registration at Delaware Tech - Wilmington Campus and Delaware

Technical Community College all campuses Summer and Fall registration began Monday, April 10th! Be sure to follow all procedure for your college/university as described in your T.E.A.C.H. manual!

If you have any questions about registering contact Lynn.

National Conferences - Registration now open!

Professional development comes in many

forms, and while we know some of these national conferences are a little pricey, we wanted to be sure that you were aware of some opportunities!

The Council For Professional recognition - [Early Educators Leadership Conference](#)

BUILD Initiative - [2017 QRIS National Meeting](#)

naeyc - [Professional Learning Institute](#)

The McCormick Center - [2017 Leadership Conference](#)

Zero to Three - [Annual Conference](#)

NAFCC - [Creating Connections](#)



6th Annual Making a Difference Conference

We hope you were able to stop by the T.E.A.C.H. table and even attend the training session about how important degreed teachers are in ECE and how T.E.A.C.H. is here to help you afford that degree!

Be sure to check out this great resource from T.E.A.C.H. National about [the critical role of the ECE workforce](#) in preparing young children!

2017 Early Childhood Advocacy Day

We hope you can join us! Be sure to check out our [Facebook Page](#) and our [event page](#) to find out more or to register!

If you can not join us we are hoping to be Live on Facebook for the Rally!

Also, here are some great things you can do to have your voice heard:

Your voice can still be heard - your elected officials need to hear from you and now is the time to tell your story. You can do that by:

- Writing a letter to mail or email to your State Representative or Senator
- Calling your State Representative or Senator
- Requesting a meeting with your State Representative or Senator
- Follow DE.AEYC on Facebook



Need to find out who your legislator is? Visit [Who Is My Legislator?](#)

Your story can include

- Why is high quality early learning important for my child or to me as an educator?
 - My child (or the children I care for) are learning life skills - learning to learn, communicate with others, sharing and using good judgement and begin part of a larger community.
- What is your child (or children in your care) learning in their (or your) early childhood program that is preparing them to be lifelong learners?
- How do you benefit from State funding such as Purchase of Care and Tiered Reimbursement and programs funded by the State such as Delaware Stars, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Delaware, and Child Care WAGE\$ Delaware?



Thank you, Ariel!

DeAEYC staff and board members wanted to extend a great Thank you! to Ariel Ford for all of her dedication and hard work at OEL, especially as the Project manager for T.E.A.C.H.! Ariel has left Delaware to be closer to family, she will be greatly missed!

Sponsor Corner

We have heard your feedback! Thank you to the 49 programs that have completed the 2016 Sponsor Evaluation form. We still have about 30 more programs that we need to complete the evaluation, so if you have not yet done so, please complete the evaluation as soon as possible.

Are you wondering about some of the new forms in your Sponsor packet? We have begun including a pre-authorization form in all new scholarship packets. This form is a way for you to communicate more officially with scholarship recipients before they register for classes. This communication is in hopes that you will have a better idea on what your employees are taking, having some input on their schedule, discussing release time and explaining what your programs policies are, such as failed classes and asking for grades! If you have any questions about these forms or any others, please give us a call!



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