



T.E.A.C.H. Monthly News & Updates, February 2017

New policies and procedures

We have been busy working with our Advisory Committee to review policies and procedures. We have made the decision to change some of our policies that will be effective starting Summer 2017 semester. These policies include payment for failed and withdrawn classes, the number of credits taken and passed to qualify for annual T.E.A.C.H. bonus, and payment of pretech classes at DTCC. These policies are in the process of being rewritten and will be distributed to all current scholars no later than May 1, 2017. If your contract is renewed for June 2017 or later it will reflect the new policies and procedures. If your contract is not set to renew until September or January, you will be asked to sign an addendum. The T.E.A.C.H. staff would like to express our thanks to the Advisory Committee for their dedication to the work at hand and helping make these changes!



We are also busy working on updating the Sponsor and Recipient Manuals. The goal is to have these out no later than May 1st as well. Once updated, all new contracts will receive the new manuals. All existing contracts will be sent an electronic copy of the new manual and will be asked to sign and return the acknowledgement form that you have received, read and understand the new policies and procedures.

Celebrating Success!

My T.E.A.C.H Journey by Jacqueline Greene

As my two sons started to get older and began their journey in high school, meeting new friends and discovering what they wanted to do when they graduated, I realized I have spent most of my time being there for my children and soon they will be leaving home. I decided to return to school and pursue my love for teaching. I began my journey with T.E.A.C.H in 2010 at Delaware Technical College at Owen Campus in Georgetown, Delaware. I began working on my Associate Degree in Early Childhood Birth to Second grade. With the help of T.E.A.C.H. program and



the PACTT Center (Parent and Children Together at Tech), I was able to complete my degree in 2015.

The PACTT center is a part of the Delaware Stars program. Currently, PACTT is at a star level 5. Being a part of a Star 5 program has not been easy, but the experience I have gained speaks for itself. As I have learned the meaning of a quality childhood center and gained a connection with families over the years.

It took five years to complete my Associate degree, due to the fact my husband works night shift and I still had to be there for my sons when they were finished with their after school activities. There were times I would leave work rush home to make sure they had dinner and then head to class. There were other times I would ask friends to take my children home from school because I was in class. The experience was not easy but I made it work. With my hard work and dedication to learning more about my field of study, I was also nominated as Student of the Year in ECE Birth to 2nd. Later that year, I was asked to speak at meeting in front of Governor Jack Markell as a T.E.A.C.H Scholar. This was an honor and a privilege to do so.

To read the complete story, [visit our website](#)



Making a Difference Conference

DAEYC partners each spring with Delaware Head Start Association (DHSA), with support from Delaware Department of Education for the annual Making A

Difference in Early Childhood: A Conference for Early Childhood Professionals.

The 6th Annual MADC will be March 31 & April 1, 2017 at DTCC Terry Campus, Dover. Registration is now open - [Register here!](#)

This year's keynotes speakers will be:

Friday - Keith Pentz sharing with us "Making the Brain-Body-mind Connection in Teaching and Learning."

Saturday - Angela Fraley presenting "Becoming the Change You Want to See with Conscious Discipline."

Be sure to follow the conference on [Facebook!](#)

In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"It has given me confidence and morale boost that I know what I am doing and I should stay in the ECE field!" ~ Curriculum Coordinator, Wilmington

"Personally I can not afford college tuition and being that I am a single mother, some of my classes are challenging. Professionally, T.E.A.C.H. is allowing me to further my career and knowledge." ~ Teacher, Wilmington

"It has given me an opportunity with not only bettering myself education wise, but an advancement on the job." ~ School age Teacher, Kent Co





OCCL FCC/LFCC regulations training

The Office of Child Care Licensing is pleased to announce that they have new DELACARE: Regulations for Family and Large Family Child Care Homes and new DELACARE: Regulations for Child Placing Agencies. Compliance with these new regulations is required by July 1, 2017.

Trainings regarding these new regulations will be held throughout the state in January, February, March, and April. Please register to attend a training on the new Family and Large Family regulations using the FCCH/LFCCH online registration form.

[More information can be found on the OCCL website.](#)

News & Updates from around the State

Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. This year book week will be May 1 - 7, 2017.

Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, commemorative events are held nationwide at schools, libraries, bookstores, homes -- wherever young readers and books connect!

Children's Book Week is administered by Every Child A Reader, a 501(c)(3) literacy organization dedicated to instilling a lifelong love of reading in children. The Children's Book Council, the national non-profit trade association for children's book publishers, is an anchor sponsor.

This year, Delaware Stars will be joining the initiative and is looking for volunteers to read as well as classrooms to be read to!

[Read more on the Delaware Stars Website](#)

DIEEC is planning to host **Resource Fairs** this spring in each county. The fairs will provide opportunity to connect with providers and resources in each county. There will be learning stations, local vendors, door prizes and more! We hope to see you there! [To learn more - click here!](#)



Read Aloud Delaware's

31st Annual Conference on Saturday, March 11, 2017 features exciting educational workshops designed for early childhood educators including childcare providers, teachers, librarians, parents, and Read Aloud Delaware volunteers. Join us for a fun and informative day of professional development. [Registration information can be found here](#)

Delaware Art Museum Storyteller-in-Residence

Art Comes to Life: A Storyteller-in-Residence Program for Pre-K - K Audiences
For a third season, professional storyteller Jeff Hopkins will delight audiences with interactive storytelling, live-drawing, and an engaging tour of relevant works of art in the Museum's collection and special exhibitions. Children will also contribute to a collective art piece by lending a hand to color his final illustration and create their very own work of art!



This program is available 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the following dates:

·Thursday, April 27

·Tuesday, May 2

·Wednesday, May 3

·Wednesday, May 10

·Friday, May 19 (special edition starting at 10:30 a.m.)

The Art Museum also offers for a Storyteller program where preschool programs can bring their classes to the art museum for free (which fills up quickly; registration will go live in a couple weeks, check their website).

<http://www.delart.org/education/storyteller-in-residence/>.

Delaware's 23rd Annual **Inclusion Conference** will be held March 15th at Dover Downs. This year's Keynote will be from Frances Stetson called "Shared Ownership: It's Way Past Time! Addressing - No Longer Admiring - the Issue" More information can be found [here](#)

Child Care **WAGES**[®] Project

WAGE\$ Update

WAGE\$ has announced upcoming information sessions later this month. Please see the flyer below for dates and details! If you have questions, please contact [Tamira Holloway](#)

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions the WAGE\$ Counselor, [Joanna Murzyn](#) would be happy to schedule a visit to your program!

[WAGE\\$ is Information Sessions - click here](#)

Just a heads up - if you have not updated your Career Lattice with DOE/Delaware 1st recently, be sure to do that asap!

Sponsor Corner

Just for our programs that have T.E.A.C.H. Recipients! Thank you for all that you do!

Each year T.E.A.C.H. requests feedback from scholars and sponsors. This feedback is very important to us as we value your input! If you have not already completed the 2016 Sponsor Evaluation, please follow the link below to submit your evaluation.

[Click here to complete the Sponsor Evaluation!](#)



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