



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

Summer Forms Due

Summer semester has come to a close! Please be sure to send grades & Form Cs no later than **September 30th.**



Counselor Corner

New this month, news from the Counselor! Keep an eye out each month for tips and updates from Maria!

This month's topic - Professional Development Plans

Have you had a Professional Development Plan during your time with T.E.A.C.H.?

Do you have questions about the program you are in, the forms that we ask you to fill out and return each semester, the terms of the contract we have with you?

Would you like to learn more about how we can help you at T.E.A.C.H. or daeyc? If so, please contact our Counselor Maria Staman at 302-764-1500 x 104 or mstaman@daeyc.org "Where no question is too small!"



Fall classes start soon!

Fall semester starts in most places next week. Be sure that you have followed the proper registration procedure for your school. T.E.A.C.H. will send you a copy of the



charge approval that is sent to school via email so that you know the billing has been set up. If you have not received a charge approval, please contact Maria to see if we received your registration. T.E.A.C.H. cannot pay for classes that we do not know you are registered for!

In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"Personally, it allows me to be able to go to college. Professionally, I know how important it is to present myself to parents, children and the business with this mind set." ~ FCC owner, Wilmington, DE

"It has meant an opportunity for me to make my dreams come true!" ~ FCC, Milford, DE

"I appreciate the opportunity that T.E.A.C.H. has given me to get my degree because I would not be able to afford it without the T.E.A.C.H. program. Thank you! ~ FCC, Bear, DE



New office hours!

You spoke and we listened! The T.E.A.C.H. office is open 9am - 5pm M-F. We are now adding 2 mornings for those that need us before 9 and 1 evening for those that need us after 5! Please feel free to contact us during these times!

Mondays: 9-5
Tuesdays: 8-5
Wednesdays: 8-5
Thursdays: 9-6
Fridays: 8:30 - 4:30

Advocacy

T.E.A.C.H. is excited to bring an Advocacy training to the Sussex Fair this month. In order to prepare for this training we created fantastic "Find your legislators" boards for each county. We are looking forward to sharing these boards at a variety of events targeting not only professionals, but families with children in child care as well. Please let us know if your center is hosting a parent engagement activity such as a back to school night or fall festival that we might be able to set up a table and talk with staff and families about early childhood issues in politics!





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PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Know someone that may benefit from getting their CDA?

The CDA is the "Best First Step" especially for someone who already has TECE 1 & 2 but is terrified or never considered going to college. The CDA requires candidates to have 120 hrs of training, a number of hours experience working in ECE, the completion of a portfolio, an observation, and an exam. Once all items are passed the candidate receives a National Credential from The CDA Council that is valid for 5

years. This is a great way to enhance your professional skill set and boost your confidence. Maybe you will set your next goal on college classes! Best of all, T.E.A.C.H. will pay 75% of the assessment fee! More information can be found at <https://deaeyc.org/cda-model/>

Sponsor Corner

Professional development plans are all the talk this month! T.E.A.C.H. began using the National Center's form and practice of doing a PDP upon acceptance to T.E.A.C.H.. We will also be conducting these annually when we renew scholarships. When we talk with scholars we ask a series of questions to get to know the scholar and his/her goals and also to help educate them.



We ask the scholar they have a PDP with their center, and many indicate that they are unsure or that they have not. We then share with them that it is an OCCL requirement and to check with the director or administrator. We are hoping to have employees use their college goals and classes as part of their PDP that they do annually with you. This should help them improve skills and knowledge of items from the DE Competencies for ECE. When it is time for you to update your PDPs with your staff, be sure to ask them how T.E.A.C.H. and their college coursework ties in!

We are also asking about career lattice levels, many staff do not know their career lattice level. This should be something each person knows as it is theirs! Be sure to encourage staff to update with DOE/Del 1st as they move up the lattice - this is importation for WAGE\$!

One of our last questions is about any commitments that may be conflicts with their college goals in the upcoming year. We ask specifically about Stars assessments so that we can help guide scholars around classes that may require observations in an outside program, we always want to be sure that your programs needs are being met!

As always, if you have any questions about the T.E.A.C.H. programs, our policies, or procedures, do not hesitate to call us!

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