



## T.E.A.C.H. Talk Monthly News & Updates, November 2016

### Form submissions and approval process

#### **If you have not submitted your Form B for Fall, please do so ASAP!**

In order for T.E.A.C.H. to process your tuition and travel claims we need to have your student bill showing the tuition amount including any other funding such as PELL grants (which you send to us in order to get the charge approval) and your Form B. Once you purchase your books for the semester, please submit your Form B, including a copy of your book receipts. If you do not need books for the semester, we still need the Form B and student bill. If you have purchased some books and will need to purchase more later (for 2nd block) submit a Form B for each block, please do not wait until after 2nd block to submit for books purchased 1st block.



We WILL NOT be able to approve any tuition, travel or book claims without all required paperwork: Student Bill, Form B, and copies of receipts (if applicable). Please let Lynn know if you need a blank form.

### Recipient Spotlight

Mary Waters, A licensed Family Child Care provider in rural Hartly, began her journey with T.E.A.C.H. about 3 1/2 years ago. She began working on her Associate Degree in ECE and is now working to complete her ECE Bachelor Degree in the next year. She has successfully completed 89 college credit hours, maintaining a 4.0 GPA! She also recently achieved Star 5 with Delaware's QRIS system, Delaware Stars. "I am convinced that without T.E.A.C.H. I would not be where I am today; I am not only closer to earning my

college degree, but I have also advanced in my career (if you will). Continuing my education is something I truly value! The children I care for directly benefit from the education I receive and the confidence that I have gained. I strive to have meaningful interactions that are genuine so that my children know they are valued and loved."



Mary was approached by T.E.A.C.H. to tutor other students who needed help and accepted. She has helped 3 different students with their math classes. One student that she worked with over the phone said that Mary helped her more than the tutors at the college. "It makes me feel good to help others and be able to share what I have learned." All the while, Mary has worked hard to balance her school and work as well as family life. Mary is a very proud wife to her husband of 18 years, and mother to her 3 children ages 5-13. She continues to set great examples for them and her oldest daughter who has been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society because she has maintained straight A's and has volunteered in the community; "I am so proud of her accomplishments. One thing that she witnesses is the struggle for me to balance work, home, family, and school; this is why she has decided to go to college and get her degree right after high school!"



## Are you a member?

Looking for a way to add to your professional repertoire? Have you considered becoming a member of a professional organization? There are many Early Childhood professional organizations out there, starting with DAEYC. The Delaware Association for the Education of Young children (DAEYC) is an affiliate of the

National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the leading membership association for those working with and on behalf of children from birth through age eight. Founded in 1969, DAEYC serves and acts on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children and their families in Delaware. DAEYC currently houses T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Delaware and the WK Kellogg projects as well as working with DHSS on the annual Making A Difference Conference. DAEYC has also led the state's Advocacy work for ECE.

A membership in DAEYC allows you the ability to not only become part of a professional organization that promotes quality in early education for Delaware, but it gives you a VOICE! Your involvement in DAEYC demonstrates your commitment of professional growth and improvement to the children of Delaware. A membership in NAEYC and DAEYC go hand in hand which allows you to play a greater role in improving early childhood education in your community as well as around the country.

As a college student, you are eligible to join at the discounted student rate! Hurry to take advantage of this great offer and be a part of something bigger!

[Click here to learn more and join now!](#)

## In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"This scholarship has given me the opportunity to return to school for my BA without having to go broke in the process. It has allowed me to follow my dreams in Early Childhood." ~ Center Administrator, Smyrna, DE



"Personally, It makes me feel more confident about myself. I feel like a professional provider with a

TEACH is asking for release forms in order to use your quotes, if you have not sent yours in yet, please do so asap!



## Vision Coalition's 9th Annual Conference

The Vision Coalition of Delaware is a public-private partnership composed of a broad range of Delawareans who work together to improve Delaware public education.

The coalition's leadership developed the Vision 2015 plan in 2006. Ten years later, with Delaware moving on more than 75 percent of the recommendations from that plan, the Vision Coalition collaborated with Delawareans to develop a new 10-year plan.

Starting in January 2014, 4,000 Delawareans shared their ideas, perspectives, and opinions during the plan development process. The result is Student Success 2025. The goal of Student Success 2025 is to prepare every Delaware student for a lifetime of success.

[To learn more and subscribe to their newsletter - Click Here](#)

## November is Military Family Month!

With the celebration of the Marine's Birthday and the honoring of all service men and women on Veteran's day, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Delaware is proud to share that November is a special month for Military families. [Click here for more on Military Family Month!](#) Thank you to every service member- past, present and future- and their families who give their all to ensure our freedoms!



## Delaware is a State Example!

T.E.A.C.H. National recently released the 2016 Annual program report and Delaware was showcased!

"T.E.A.C.H. DELAWARE CHALLENGE:

Lack of flexible scheduling of offsite associate degree service learning requirements, resulting in limited access for family child care educators who have to be away from their home based programs to participate and are challenged to find substitutes.

GOAL:

Flexible times to participate in offsite classroom requirements.

SOLUTION:

T.E.A.C.H. DE partnered with the Delaware Technical Community College ECE department chairs who allowed this requirement to take place at a 5-star early childhood program, which opens the first weekend of each month to provide child care to military Guard and Reserve families needing

to fulfill drill requirements. This option is now available as needed."

[To view the entire report, click here!](#)

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### Sponsor Corner

Do you see being a TEACH Sponsor as a benefit to your employees? Why is it important to offer this opportunity to your employees?

Education Matters...for children and for the adults who care for them



For children: For children to flourish and grow in early childhood programs they must have consistent nurturing relationships with caring adults who are responsive to their unique needs. Learning does not happen for children in the absence of these relationships, and it is the adults in their classrooms who are the role models that help them make sense of the world around them. For children to thrive and benefit from rich language environments as well as challenging and varied learning experiences, they must have teachers who are active learners themselves.

For the women in the field:

Education has an enormous effect on the lifelong earnings of the women and the future of their own children. Most women in the early childhood workforce have children of their own, and maternal education and stable family income are closely linked to a child's overall educational success. As a woman's education level increases, there is a direct correlation to moving out of poverty. So, as higher education has become the foundational norm for most professional workforces, this must be encouraged for the early care and education workforce as well.

We also know that there are men working in our field and they are just as valuable and often face similar struggles and some unique to them!

[Watch this great short video to hear from other Sponsors!](#)

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