



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



Happy Holidays!

The staff at T.E.A.C.H. and [deaeyc](#) wish each of you the happiest of holiday seasons! The T.E.A.C.H. office will be closed December 25, 2017 - January 1, 2018.

Contract renewal time!

We have begun sending out notices and information to scholars who have contracts that **expire on December 31, 2017**. Emails have been sent and documents that need to be returned are currently in the mail.

Please return all requested items as soon as possible so that your renewal contract can be processed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your T.E.A.C.H. Counselor Maria at 302-764-1500 ext. 104.



Sponsor Spotlight: Newark Day Nursery

Newark Day Nursery has been a T.E.A.C.H. Sponsor since 2005. They have sponsored 6 staff pursuing CDA credentials,

Day Nursery has partnered with T.E.A.C.H. for several years now and we are happy to share some feedback. T.E.A.C.H. is a great incentive to the employees who take advantage of the program. Many of our staff have degrees or want to pursue a degree and with the rates we pay staff, TEACH is a great affordable way for our staff to continue their education. We are NAEYC accredited and part of having that accreditation requires us to have qualified, degreed staff in the classrooms. T.E.A.C.H. helps us reach our goals as a center for those requirements as well as helps the staff reach personal goals.

NDNCC has a mission and that is to inspire, enrich, and educate our children and part of maintaining that mission is to encourage and support our staff to gain a greater education for their selves. I will say it is difficult to find coverage for the staff at times when they need to leave early, come in late, or take off for a certain day of the week to complete a class, but we are dedicated to providing the coverage the best we can. Our scholars do take what they learn and apply it to the classroom, and I will say we have seen some tremendous improvement in teaching styles and flexibility with perspectives in the classrooms." LeAnna Gibason, Program Director Newark Day Nursery & Children's Center, November 2017

Counselor Comments

Congratulations to all on a successful Fall 2017 semester! We at T.E.A.C.H. hope you learned a lot and are pleased with the outcome of your hard work. Before you settle in for the holidays and a bit of relaxation from school, don't forget to fax or email a copy of your Fall grades to us.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the T.E.A.C.H. office. Happy Holidays from the T.E.A.C.H. Counselor Maria Staman at 302-764-1500 x 104 or mstaman@daeyc.org "Where no question is too small!"



In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

"This scholarship means everything to me in order to me to advance in society."

-Assistant ECE Teacher, New Castle County

"This scholarship has helped me to feel powerful and proud of myself."

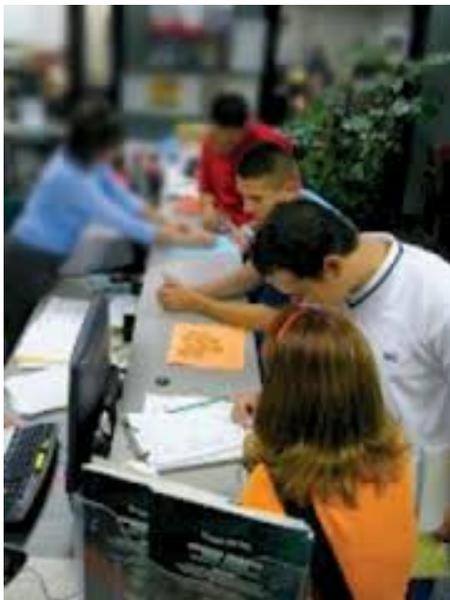
-Early Child Care Teacher, Sussex County

"I would not be able to get my degree without the assistance."

-Early Child Care Teacher, Sussex County



Computer Lab Coming for T.E.A.C.H. Scholars!



T.E.A.C.H. has been charged with developing a strategy and pathway that will provide statewide access to computers at hours convenient to our scholars. T.E.A.C.H. is to devise and implement a set of strategies that will support learning collaboratively and networking with other scholars. Finally, T.E.A.C.H. is to create or identify and adopt a Quality Improvement system that will refine core components to assess barriers to course/degree completion and find solutions to assure success.

In order to meet these goals and objectives from our funders, T.E.A.C.H. is excited to announce that in partnership with DHSS, we will be offering a mobile computer lab starting in February! Our plan is to have adult friendly sites (which may change throughout the year) in all three counties. These sites will offer a combination of laptops, tablets, and portable printers. T.E.A.C.H. is looking for locations throughout the state that have adult seating and Wi-Fi where the labs could be hosted. We would utilize free spaces in each county that would be convenient to scholars, offering 2 - 3 hours twice per month at each site alternating evening and weekend times. We would secure contracts with current scholars or recent graduates to staff these labs. We are looking for current scholars (who are tech savvy) to Proctor once or twice a month.

We have developed a short survey to get your input on times and locations. Please take a moment to [complete the survey here](#), the link will also be emailed to all current scholars and sponsors. If you have questions, comments, are interested in proctoring, or have a location to offer, please contact T.E.A.C.H. Coordinator Michelle Spencer at [mspencer@daeyc.org](mailto:m Spencer@daeyc.org)

Follow us!!!

T.E.A.C.H. is excited to be on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) now along with [Facebook](#)! Be sure to follow us on whatever platform you use! We post motivational messages, reminders, updates, and other useful resources!



We also have a private Facebook group for current students only! If you would like to join the group [T.E.A.C.H. Scholars](#) you can request to join!

Associate's Angles

We are excited to announce the return of Drill Weekend observation opportunities for Wilmington & Dover campuses! T.E.A.C.H. has partnered with DTCC and Little Heroes Guard &

Reserve Drill Weekend Project at TLK, Newark to offer for certain classes an opportunity for students who struggle to complete required observation hours during the typical workweek due to their own work schedules. See below for the details for each campus for Spring semester!

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Dover Campus
Wilmington Campus



Observation hours opportunity for
 DTCC Terry Campus ECE 120
 Students



**Need weekend
 observation hours?**

Delaware Technical Community College (DTCC) Terry Campus and T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood DE in partnership with Little Heroes Guard & Reserve Drill Weekend Child Care Project at Tender Loving Care can provide a placement on Saturday/Sunday, Sun-Eve, the first weekend of each month.
 This opportunity is on a first-come first-served basis and for those ECE 120 students who cannot complete their required service learning Monday-Friday.
 Please see the Education Placement Coordinator for more details or to apply.



Observation hours opportunity for
 DTCC George Campus ECE 127 &
 EDC 211 Students



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Bachelor's Bits

SPRING 2018 REGISTRATION is underway!



If you attend **Wilmington University** and have registered for **Spring 2018** or are planning to, please remember to submit the following forms to T.E.A.C.H. to get your classes approved for billing: (1) Account Detail for Term & (2) Student Detail Schedule. Both of these can be accessed in your student portal.

If you have earned an Associates degree or have 40+ credits towards an Associates degree and would like to learn about one of the many Bachelor's Degree programs we partner with, now is a great time! We work with Delaware State University, Wilmington University, Springfield College, and University of Delaware. Call T.E.A.C.H. today to find out more about making your dreams for a Bachelor's degree come true!

CDA Corner

The CDA Council has made a change to the cost of their paper application process starting January 2018, which has made T.E.A.C.H. rethink our CDA scholarship application process. The new process will be as follows:

1. Submit your scholarship application to T.E.A.C.H.
2. Receive, sign, and return your T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Contract
3. Apply online to the CDA Council
 - a. When applying you will need to enter payment information as follows:
 - i. Choose voucher from an agency as your payment method
 - ii. The next step will prompt a payment amount from the agency of \$425
 - iii. You will then be prompted to print a cover letter
 - b. You will now start the 6-month period to complete your CDA

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4. Submit via fax, mail, or email to T.E.A.C.H. your cover letter. T.E.A.C.H. will then submit to the CDA Council your cover letter and voucher for the \$425 assessment fee. T.E.A.C.H. will submit to the Council within 5 business days

5. Once you complete your CDA and receive your certificate, send T.E.A.C.H. a copy. We will then issue you a \$150 bonus. Your bonus will be sent to you via direct deposit (\$150 bonus - \$50 scholar fee = \$100 paid to you).

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!

Sponsor Corner

2017 is coming to a close! It is time again for you to complete your annual evaluation of the T.E.A.C.H. program and let us know how we are doing!

We are looking for testimonials from current sponsors to post on our Social Media sites as well as our testimonial page on our website. We know that T.E.A.C.H. can be a challenge for our Sponsoring centers and we want to share with potential Sponsors how and why it works for you and your program. Please [email Michelle](#) anything that you would like to share! We are also working with our funders for ways to recruit and market the program better and would love any ideas that you may have to make the program more enticing to centers.

This link will also be emailed to all Sponsoring programs on December 18th. You can take it now by following this link - [2017 Sponsor Evaluation](#)



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