

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®

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We want to hear from you!

Recently, we have heard from numerous scholars about some barriers regarding your classes, accessibility & availability including technology and resources. We have put together a survey in order to give you an opportunity to give us your genuine experiences, opinion and feedback! We want to work on these issues/concerns on your behalf but need your words and specific experiences to take to the colleges/university to see what we can advocate for you and your needs!

If you have not yet completed this survey to give us your feedback, please do so [here](#).

T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE\$ Staffing update

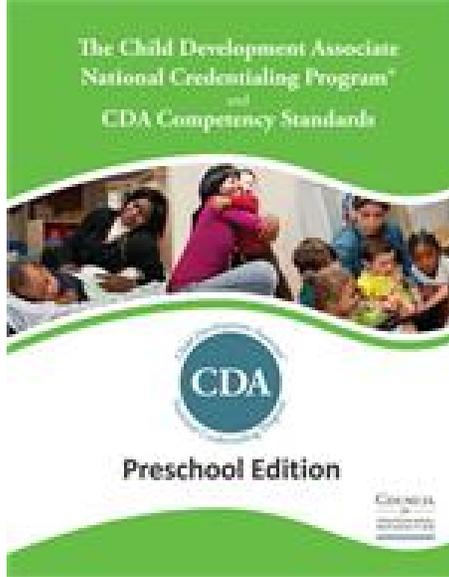
T.E.A.C.H. is in the process of hiring a part-time counselor to work with Maria who has moved to part-time. We hope to share with you next month who this new person is! We hope to divide the counselor's workload by county to allow for more specific counseling and focused work!



WAGE\$ is currently hiring for a full-time Coordinator position. [Click here](#) for the full job description.

Recipient Spotlight: Latin American Community Center

Recently 4 teachers from the LACC have applied for the CDA using the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship. This is a



wonderful opportunity for teachers that are English and/or Spanish speaking, as the CDA is offered in both languages. This is a great way for our Spanish speaking partners to earn this credential in their native tongue. We are very excited to be able to help these teachers advance their skill set in a way that is best suited for their learning. Congrats to the teachers and LACC for taking this next step to professionalism in early childcare education.

If your center or family child care has staff that can also benefit from the CDA in English or

Spanish....T.E.A.C.H. can help. Contact Maria for details.

To learn more about the CDA visit the Council's website at: <http://www.cdacouncil.org/>

Counselor Comments

Have you had your **Professional Development Plan** completed? This is a very important piece of the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship and contract accountability component.

The PDP's are now required on an annual basis; at the start of your contract, then each year upon renewal. We want to make sure that we are identifying all of your needs to help you be SUCCESSFUL! Maria will be contacting you in the upcoming weeks to schedule this appointment; you may also call the office to schedule your PDP in advance. Thank 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!"



In your words....

What has the scholarship meant to you personally and professionally?

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

Teacher, New Castle County

"Helped me to feel powerful and proud of my self."

Teacher, Sussex County

"I wouldn't be able to get my degree without the assistance."

Teacher, Sussex County

"T.E.A.C.H. has allowed me to further my education and career without struggling to find a financial solution to pay. I am able to pay my bills and better my life! I am very blessed to have been accepted into the program!"



Fall Form C and Grades Due



Please be sure that you have submitted any Form C's and all grades for the Fall semester. All Fall paperwork is due no later than January 31, 2018. We may not be able to process any Forms B or C after this date. We also need grades in order to process bonuses, so if your contract expired in Fall, we cannot process your bonus without grades.

Submitting paperwork such as Forms B and grades are a part of your Personal Responsibilities Agreement that you signed upon applying to T.E.A.C.H..

You agreed to:

- submit reimbursement forms in a timely manner. Semester schedules/bills must be submit in time for T.E.A.C.H. to forward to the appropriate school. Form B's must be submit for reimbursement of tuition, books, and travel claims. If my scholarship model includes paid release time, I will sign the Form C's, be sure my director (if applicable) signs the Form C and helps get it submit for reimbursement for release time.
- submit my grades within 30 days of the close of the semester. Keeping my scholarship record up-to-date is critical to ensuring that I can continue my education without unnecessary delays.

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 [TEACH Scholars](#) you can request to join!

Are you looking for ways to be involved and increase your professionalism? Have you considered joining deaeyc? It only costs \$30/yr and there are some great benefits. Check out our website



Associate's Angles

Did you know that Del Tech offers many student resources to help you achieve academic success? If you are a DTCC student and are looking for assistance with career counseling, tutoring services, library support, and much more....you can find the help you need at: <https://www.dtcc.edu/student-resources>.

Have a great spring semester and let T.E.A.C.H. know how we can help you too!

Bachelor's Bits

The spring 2018 semester is underway. If you have registered for classes but have not given us your information to get the classes approved, it is not too late! Please make sure you send T.E.A.C.H. your student schedule and tuition information in order for your classes to be approved. Remember to send us your form B and receipt(s) for books as soon as you purchase them.

Have a wonderful semester!



CDA Corner

There has never been a better time to earn your CDA credentials! For more than 30 years, the Council for Professional Recognition has been the leader in promoting improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages zero to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings - Head Start, pre-k, infant-toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a non-profit agency, the Council

sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing, publishes the industry leading training books and workbooks, including its CDA Competency Standards and Essentials textbook and workbook (2nd edition). Visit: www.cdacouncil.org

If this looks like the right opportunity for you, T.E.A.C.H. can help. Contact Maria for more details.



Sponsor Corner

Thank you to the following Sponsoring programs for completing the 2017 Sponsor Eval: Wilmington Head Start, Babes on the Square, Too, Sunshine Home Childcare, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, One Step Ahead Childcare, Great New Beginnings, Kids Cottage, Discovery Island Preschool, and Little Sprouts Learning Academy. For the remaining Sponsors (including FCC) please take a few minutes to complete our evaluation. It is very important as we have to report

on how many evaluations are completed and what your responses are. We are working to improve T.E.A.C.H. for scholars and sponsors, but need your input to make change happen. Please follow [this link](#) to complete the evaluation.

In many states increasing education standards for teachers working in Head Start, publicly funded pre-k and early childhood programs participating in state's QRIS system have resulted in teachers going to college. For some teachers college is a new experience; for others it may be a part of a long journey. But for all it is hard to juggle college with already heavy work and family commitments. An early childhood program administrator can help that teacher be successful in many ways.

Below is a list of economic and social support strategies that can help teachers on this pathway to credentials or degree.

- * Sponsor a teacher on a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarship or help her access other financial support.
- * Help the teacher develop an individualized professional development plan.
- * Spend some time helping the teacher go through the degree program plan and requirements.
- * Attend college orientations with the teacher who is a first time college student.
- * Interact with the teacher around course selection each semester.
- * Help the teacher identify her needs for additional resources offered at the college or in the community.
- * Recognize that paid release time is vital to the teacher's personal and academic success.
- * Provide regular check-ins with the teacher to understand how she is juggling various demands and responsibilities at home, work and college.
- * Collect grade reports each semester for the teacher's personnel file.
- * Celebrate the small victories and steps toward educational achievements.
- * Work to further strengthen the teacher's confidence by creating mentoring and leadership opportunities.
- * Recognize the teacher's accomplishments with peers, families in the center and in the community.
- * Attend graduation or other recognition ceremonies on behalf of the teacher.
- * Encourage other staff in the center to express their support of the teacher's efforts.
- * Provide opportunities (or strategies) for the teacher to share newly acquired knowledge in her classroom and with families.
- * Encourage the teacher to share her knowledge with other teachers in the center.
- * Financially reward teachers who are successful along the educational pathway.

This educational journey for many teachers may take a number of years if degree completion is the goal. Having a supportive employer and work environment can make all the difference. We want to thank all Sponsoring programs for their efforts to help their employees obtain their education!

SUSSEX COUNTY EARLY EDUCATOR'S CONFERENCE

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Delaware Association for the
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Saturday, February 10th, 2018

Conference begins at 8:00 am

\$30 per person \$25
for deaeyc
Members



Sussex Tech High School
17099 County Seat Highway
Georgetown, DE 19947

3:00-4:30pm Keynote Speaker

Register Today!
Space is limited



Sussex Co Early Educator's Conference

The Child Care Association of Sussex Co is excited to announce in partnership with deaeyc, their first annual conference. Registration is \$30 (\$25 for deaeyc members) and due by February 1st, 2018. The [full brochure can be downloaded here](#)

Registration Questions? Email us at: Sussexearlyed@outlook.com
Or call Toni at 302.222.5854

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