



*Promoting and supporting quality care and education for all young children, birth through age eight, in Indiana*



**What We Are**

The T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® INDIANA Project serves as an umbrella for a variety of educational scholarship opportunities for people working in licensed, registered or exempt child care centers and homes in Indiana. In 1998, the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (IAEYC) received financial support from the Indiana Child Care Fund to launch the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA Project.

**Where We Are**

Child Care providers from any county may apply for a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA scholarship. Five scholarship models are currently available: the Child Development Associate (CDA) Training Scholarship, the Child Development Associate (CDA) Assessment Scholarship, the Child Development Associate (CDA) Renewal Scholarship, the Early Childhood Associate degree scholarship (AS or AAS), and the Bachelor Degree Scholarship.

**Who Participates**

Any teacher, director, or family child care home provider working in a licensed or registered child care setting is eligible to apply for a scholarship.

**Why We Are Needed**

The most critical indicator of quality child care is the level of education of the child care provider.

**How We Help**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA Project assists teachers, directors, and family child care providers in going back to school to receive more education, provides increased compensation with more education, and requires that participants agree to remain in child care for one year following training.

**How Are We Funded**

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA Project, the participant, and their sponsoring child care program each pay a portion of the cost. Funding for T.E.A.C.H. INDIANA's portion of the cost comes from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, a division of the Bureau of Child Care.

**Who Benefits**

Children are the main beneficiaries. They are able to bond with a provider who has made a commitment to the field, who is a specialist in early childhood education, who understands child development and who is sensitive to the needs of the very young. Providers benefit by increasing their knowledge and compensation.

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