

Christina says, *“What T.E.A.C.H. has meant to me. The first time I heard of the T.E.A.C.H. program was two and a half years ago. At first it sounded a little too good to be true to have assistance with school as long as I can continue working at the same center. I decided to apply for it anyways and go for it. Once I got the confirmation I was super excited to start my school journey again, this time knowing what I was pursuing my degree in. The T.E.A.C.H. program has meant so much to me and my family. Without it I would not have been able to complete all of my classes within this last two and a half years. I would be taking one class at a time, hoping to be able to pay for the tuition and books. Because my job sponsored me, I felt that I had a much better support system this time attending college. I could ask my boss for help or her input as needed. As well as reach out to Julie and Metropolitan Community College as needed. While this journey has not been totally easy I have learned so much, and I am glad I found out about this opportunity. My family has appreciated the fact that my schooling did not put us in more debt. This opportunity also gave me the motivation I needed to continue my journey quarter after quarter. I am so thankful for the scholarship because it made it possible for me to obtain my Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Education quicker than I could have done it on my own.”*