

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

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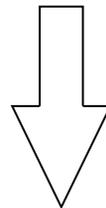
The Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, CSCCE, is a program of the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE) at the University of California at Berkeley. CSCCE has been conducting research and proposing solutions aimed at improving how our nation prepares, supports, and rewards the early care and education workforce since 1999.

It's a common question: Why do parents spend so much on child care, yet early childhood educators earn so little? The average cost of child care is out of reach for many families and rivals college tuition, while early educators are among the lowest paid workers in the country. How is this possible?

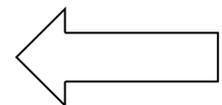
High quality early care and education experiences, to which early educators are central, provide lasting benefits to children, our economy, and society, but receive only minimal public investment. The Center for the Study of Child Care Employment at UC Berkeley and Child Care Aware of America teamed up to create a new, short video to explain why parents cannot afford to pay, and educators cannot afford to stay, and proposes a solution for a better way to support children, their families, and early educators.

Please check it out at: <http://cscce.berkeley.edu/why-do-parents-spend-so-much-on-child-care-yet-early-childhood-educators-earn-so-little/>.

For a snapshot of the early care and education workforce in our state, go to <http://cscce.berkeley.edu/2018-index-state-profiles/>.



Important! Communication Update



Nebraska AEYC is making the transition to Allo for internet and Verizon for phones. We appreciate your patience while we have experienced a number of days without either due to our current provider. With this transition, we will no longer

have a fax number. All documentation will need to be sent in an email or via US mail.

Exciting news... We will now be able to send text messages! If you don't already, please store my phone number into your

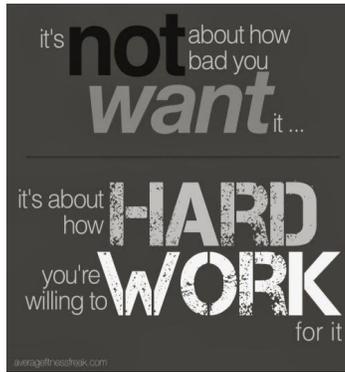
contacts, so you will recognize it when I send you a text. (402-858-5143) Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!



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Q & A



Q: When I complete my Associate Degree, will I be able to transfer my scholarship to the Bachelor Degree scholarship?

A: Yes, once you have completed the required credits for an Associate Degree, and wish to continue your education, there are a few steps that you will need to take.

1. Fill out a new T..E.A.C..H. application. It is important that your program agrees to continue sponsoring you.
2. Choose a participating Bachelor Degree college/university and have an informal degree audit completed. To do this, you will send all of your transcripts to the Bachelor Degree college/university you would like to attend. They will then use those transcripts to determine what classes you have already taken that will transfer, credit-for-credit, into their school.
3. In order to qualify for the Bachelor Degree scholarship, you will need to be able to transfer at least 60 credits. Classes that transfer for electives don't count. However, if you don't meet the 60 credit hour requirement, you will still be selected to follow the Gap scholarship model.

Q & A Continued



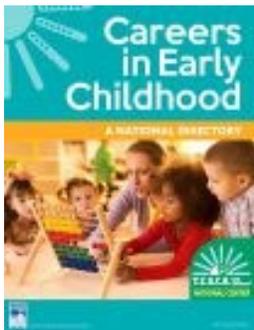
Q: What is the Gap scholarship?

1. **A:** This scholarship is for students who aren't able to transfer at least 60 credits, but meet the rest of the requirements. This scholarship requires you to take all the possible classes

that you can at a community college first that will then transfer to your Bachelor Degree college/university. Once you have run out of those classes, you will fully enroll at your Bachelor Degree school.

You are still working on your Bachelor Degree while taking these classes at a community college. You are just taking them where the cost difference is significantly lower.

5th Edition of Careers in Early Childhood Released



The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center is excited to announce the release of the 5th edition of Careers in Early Childhood. In this directory, readers will find descriptions of the many career options we have in the field of early childhood. For each career, the guide provides updated

information on qualifications needed, and the salary ranges that can be expected. This edition has also added a new feature. For 10 of the 14 profiled careers, readers will meet real people across the country working in these careers, learn about their education earned, their early childhood career

pathways, and learn from their own voices what they love about their work. This guide also provides some important links to resources that can support continuing education.

Getting the Most out of Professional Development

Professional growth is a CRUCIAL part of being a teacher. The early education field is always changing, and to support the children in your classroom, you need to stay current. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way to help children thrive and succeed.

In our last newsletter, I shared information about being ready to take notes, as well as finding a

colleague or a community of learners. Here are the last two!

- Set aside time for self-reflection. Brainstorm on your own, with colleagues, or with someone you met at school. Think about new strategies you have tried. What worked? What else might you try? Remember, change is hard work, and it rarely happens overnight.

- Celebrate your achievements. When you try a new strategy that helps you meet a goal, be sure to recognize your achievement and celebrate it! After experiencing positive results, you'll anticipate future classes with relish!



Read National Center's Annual Report

The 2017-2018 Annual T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES Program Report, "Creating a Profession: Leveraging Investments in Early Childhood Education to Transform the Workforce", was released in November 2018. The report reviews data compiled from the state programs and includes profiles of T.E.A.C.H. Early

Childhood® scholars and Child Care WAGES recipients, as well as current projects from the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center. Please check out this eight page report at: <https://teachecnationalcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/T.E.A.C.H.-National-Center-Annual-Report-FY18.pdf>.



Your Personal Reminder



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Upcoming Dates

May 27th: Memorial Day—Office Closed

June 6th: Summer Term Begins @ MCC

June 8th: Elevate '19 in York, NE

June 14th: NeAEYC Planning Retreat—Office Closed

July 4th: Independence Day—Office Closed

July 5th: Julie Out Of Office

“Educating Nebraska’s Early Childhood Workforce”



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20 Questions

This month’s section of “20 Questions” features Alissa from Hall County. She is currently a Head Start Teacher in Grand Island. She has been on a Bachelor Degree Gap Scholarship Model since the Spring 2018 term.

1. Where were you born? Hastings
2. What is your favorite book? True crime / murder books
3. If you could have one super power, what would it be? Telekinesis
4. What is one of your biggest pet peeves? Mouth/lip smacking
5. What’s one place you really want to travel to? Italy
6. What is something you are afraid of? The dark
7. What are your favorite TV shows? Game of Thrones, Stranger Things, Big Brother
8. What’s your least favorite subject in school? History / Literature
9. Do you have any pets? Yes, a dog named, Toby
10. Do you have any brothers or sisters? Two sisters, one brother
11. What is your favorite season? Fall
12. Do you have a favorite holiday? Christmas
13. What’s your favorite food? Pasta
14. What kind of music do you like? Rock, pop, metal
15. What do you like to do in your free time? Relax
16. What’s one thing you can’t live without? Family
17. Would you rather live in a place that was always hot or a place that was always cold? Hot
18. If you had to describe yourself in three words, what would they be? Smart, caring, clean
19. Do you play, or have your played, an instrument? Flute, piccolo, saxophone
20. What is your favorite movie? Harry Potter

Thank you, Alissa, for your responses!

If you would like to participate, please send me your responses to these questions, or create your own!