

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

Year 2015 Program Evaluation for Sponsoring Programs

32 of 46 returned – 70%

County: Adams (2), Buffalo (3), Clay (1), Douglas (9), Franklin (1), Hall (1), Holt (1), Lancaster (4), Merrick (1), Nuckolls (1), Pierce (1), Platte (1), Richardson (1), Saline (1), Sarpy (4), Saunders (1), Seward (1), Thurston (2)

College attended: CCC (8), Metro (11), NECC (3), SCC (9), UNK (4), WSC (1)

How many full time teachers and assistant teachers are currently working in your program?

476 total 15 average

How many of those staff are scholarship recipients?

50 total 2 average

How did you learn about T.E.A.C.H.? (check any that apply)

Staff at my program	10
Friend/family member	0
Another participant	6
Newsletter/magazine	4
NeAEYC website	4
Local college/university	3
Presentation/training	5
Regional Training Coalition	2
Flyer	5
Other	6
No answer	2

- Utilized in the past
- Previous employment
- NAEYC Member
- Advisory Board Member
- Sat on NeAEYC Board
- Have been participating since the beginning

The requirement that scholarship recipients complete a minimum number of course credit hours was:

Very easy	12	39%
About right	18	56%
Somewhat difficult	1	3%
No answer	1	

- It is just stressful, dealing families, work and school

Giving scholarship recipients paid time off during the week was:

Easy to do	12	39%
Somewhat difficult to do	16	52%
Very difficult to do	3	10%
No answer/not applicable	1	

- Was okay, satisfactory
- Due to expectations and needs of the center
- Due to general staff shortage

The program's share of tuition and book costs was:

Too little for the program to pay	0	0%
About right	31	100%
Too much for the program to pay	0	0%
No answer/not applicable	1	

- Unsure haven't been given the amount due.

Awarding recipients a raise or bonus was:

Easy to do	20	65%
Somewhat difficult to do	7	23%
Very difficult to do	4	13%
No answer	2	

- Okay, satisfactory
- Has not happened yet.
- With minimum wage increases, budget is very tight
- Will do upon completion
- Especially when minimum wage went up

When I needed help, T.E.A.C.H. staff was helpful:

Agree strongly	25	83%
Agree somewhat	5	17%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	2	

Information that I received from T.E.A.C.H. was easy for me to understand.

Agree strongly	22	69%
Agree somewhat	9	28%
Disagree somewhat	2	6%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	0	

- Contract was misleading. Student working towards Assistant Director but got misled of availability of scholarship.
- There have been some changes.
- This survey does not make sense to complete before I am able to answer the questions.

How can T.E.A.C.H. be more helpful to you? (please be specific)

- Maybe assigning an advisor to help guide the participant through the first semester. All the on-line registering is a bit overwhelming if you haven't ever had to do it. My participant had no idea how to do the FAFSA or the college registration itself, she hasn't ordered books as of yet as she is unsure of how to proceed and I am at a loss to help as it has been 4 years since I did it.
- Our center has a need for part-time employees. If a student needs part-time employment, please recommend our center.
- We have benefitted greatly by having T.E.A.C.H. recipients in our program. However, when they start we never know how long it will take them to complete the program offering the paid time off and bonuses right now is constraining our budget.
- This is my 1st experience with TEACH. I wish there was something that explained it to me.
- I was a new director a year ago and had no idea how this all worked. More information about program and what we can do would be beneficial.
- Maybe do field trips to A+ facilities to introduce and exchange ideas with excellent teachers.
- Possible support with CDA's
- More financial help to cover release time.

Has your program's participation in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project led to increasing fees to parents?

No	29	97%
Yes	1	3%
No answer	2	

- Increases in payroll due to minimum wage, insurance costs and everyday operation costs just keep rising. The bonuses at the end of each contract are tough. It was easier when it was paid at the full completion time.

Would you recommend T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® scholarships to other child care programs?

Yes	31	100%
No	0	0%
No answer	1	

Do you plan to continue sponsoring T.E.A.C.H. scholarship recipients in the upcoming year?

Yes	27	93%
No	2	7%
No answer	3	

If No, why not?

Staff is graduating	3	75%
Staff is leaving the program	0	0%
Staff does not want to participate	0	0%
Staff does not want to take courses	0	0%
My center cannot afford the cost	0	0%
Other	1	25%
No answer	0	

As an overall evaluation of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project, how satisfied are you?

Very satisfied	25	81%
Somewhat satisfied	6	19%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0%
No answer	1	

Please answer the following. If your program sponsors more than one scholarship recipient, please answer for the student who has been sponsored the longest.

Since enrolling in college courses...

The recipient has increased her/his early childhood knowledge and skills:

Agree strongly	24	80%
Agree somewhat	6	20%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	2	

The recipient has improved the quality of her/his teaching techniques and practice:

Agree strongly	20	65%
Agree somewhat	11	35%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	

The recipient has increased enthusiasm in the classroom:

Agree strongly	19	61%
Agree somewhat	12	39%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	

The recipient has influenced her/his co-workers to use new teaching techniques:

Agree strongly	13	42%
Agree somewhat	17	55%
Disagree somewhat	1	3%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	

The recipient has improved relationships with the children and their families:

Agree strongly	18	58%
Agree somewhat	12	39%

Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	1	3%
No answer	1	

Is there anything else that you wish to share with us that have not been covered in this survey?

- Excellent Program! Keep up the good work!
- It seems like once they graduate with their degree they stay until their commitment to our program is over. It's hard to compete with Head Start and the schools with salaries, so they usually move on.
- Thanks for offering this program!
- We have only been participating in TEACH for 2 weeks so far and I feel incapable of answering most of these questions at this point.
- Yes, I truly believe that the program does make a difference in our program. I love to see more young people participate in the TEACH program.