

# T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA

## Year 2016 Program Evaluation for Sponsoring Programs

36 of 47 returned – 77%

**County:** Adams (1), Bellevue (1) Buffalo (3), Cheyenne (1), Clay (1), Custer (1), Douglas (11), Hall (1), Lancaster (6), Madison (2), Nemaha (1) Nuckolls (1), Platte (2), Saline (1), Sarpy (1), Saunders (1), Seward (1), Thurston (1), Webster (1)

**College attended:** CCC (6), Chadron (1), Metro (10), MPCC (1), NECC (2), PSU (1), SCC (7), UNK (9), WSC (2),

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

897 total      24 average

**How many of those staff are scholarship recipients?**

88 total      2 average

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

Staff at my program	14
Friend/family member	2
Another participant	6
Newsletter/magazine	5
NeAEYC website	4
Local college/university	1
Presentation/training	4
Regional Training Coalition	1
Flyer	9
Other	7
No answer	0

- Step up to quality
- Nebraska Head Start Association
- Have been participating since the beginning
- After taking management training I shared with my staff
- Former TEACH scholarship recipient
- Former employee at previous job took part
- Former Director

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

Very easy	17	47%
About right	19	52%
Somewhat difficult		
No answer		

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

**Giving scholarship recipients paid time off during the week was:**

Easy to do	14	40%
Somewhat difficult to do	20	57%
Very difficult to do	1	3%
No answer/not applicable	1	

- 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	1	3%
About right	35	97%
Too much for the program to pay	0	0%
No answer/not applicable		

**Awarding recipients a raise or bonus was:**

Easy to do	23	63%
Somewhat difficult to do	12	33%
Very difficult to do	1	3%

No answer

- Okay, satisfactory
- Has not happened yet.
- With minimum wage increases, budget is very tight
- We are a nonprofit! Always difficult!
- Especially when minimum wage went up

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

Agree strongly	28	77%
Agree somewhat	7	19%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	1	3%

No answer

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

Agree strongly	30	83%
Agree somewhat	6	16%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%

No answer

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

- More detailed information on the process, how to correctly pay staff for hours off - what to do for rate of pay if they aren't at exactly \$10/hr, I am sometimes not sure I am doing it right, but it works out.
- Not giving recipients one hour per day off. Unless class or other accommodations would be easier.
- CDA Support, Teaching certificate renewal support, Extend services to home based & home visitors.
- The cost of tuition & books.
- TEACH staff has been very supportive through the program and follow up.
- If we didn't have to give paid time off. They get their classes paid for.
- Would be willing to have TEACH students here for practicums.
- A possible calendar or schedule for what to expect such as when payments are due (tuition, books, etc.) also for paperwork like reimbursement for paid time off.
- It would be helpful if teachers did not have to fulfill some of their practicums/ student teaching hours at a set other than ours.
- I have part-time staff that would benefit greatly from this program.
- More knowledge & understanding to support staff that are currently enrolled/for future applicants & recipients.

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

No	34	97%
Yes	1	3%

No answer

- 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	36	100%
No	0	0%

No answer

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

Yes	33	91%
No	3	8%

No answer

**If No, why not?**

Staff is graduating	3	100%
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	0	0%
No answer	0	

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

Very satisfied	32	88%
Somewhat satisfied	4	12%
Somewhat dissatisfied	0	0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0%
No answer	0	

*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	26	72%
Agree somewhat	9	25%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	3%

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

Agree strongly	24	66%
Agree somewhat	11	30%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	1	3%
No answer		

**The recipient has increased enthusiasm in the classroom:**

Agree strongly	27	75%
Agree somewhat	8	22%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	3%

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

Agree strongly	21	60%
Agree somewhat	13	37%
Disagree somewhat	1	3%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	

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

Agree strongly	23	66%
Agree somewhat	12	34%
Disagree somewhat	0	0%
Disagree strongly	0	0%
No answer	1	

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

- I think this is a great program! When we tell people about it they are always impressed & excited by such an opportunity.
- Thank you for all that you do for my teachers.
- This is a wonderful program for staff and for agency.
- Our staff person that has been in the TEACH program has always been on top of things. She just needs to know there are always things to learn & change.
- Great program for all involved.
- Amazing Program to help get staff trained.
- A challenge, in general for the field is moving teaching staff forward who struggle to pass the PRAXIS. I wonder if there are/is an opportunity to identify additional pathways for students who want to achieve their BA but, do not want to be certified.
- Thanks for the opportunity.
- We are new to the program and still learning.
- TEACH is a great program & I'm so happy I have employees that can benefit from it.
- I think the TEACH program is a wonderful opportunity for many.
- Sharon was great even before she started TEACH.