

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA SPRING EDITION

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Announcement:
T.E.A.C.H. will soon be
on Facebook!
Remember to "like" us!

Reminder:

Please meet with your advisor to receive your Personal Education Plan or Degree Check List. T.E.A.C.H. requires you to submit this before your second semester classes will be approved.

To Schedule The Following:

Registration Events,
Network Meetings,
Informational Sessions

Please contact Elaine Bradford,
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ARIZONA Program Coordinator at
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Pell Grant Information

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA would like to review the impact receiving a PELL Grant Award will have on a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship. Funds that are received from the Pell Grant will be used as the primary source of payment for a scholar's tuition and book costs. If the Pell Grant was not large enough to cover the costs in full, T.E.A.C.H. will pay for the remainder of the cost. If the community college that the scholar is attending has issued a disbursement of funds and T.E.A.C.H. has already paid for tuition and/or books, the additional funds need to be paid back directly to the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program, by the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipient. A detailed statement of what is being paid with the PELL Grant Award can be accessed through one of the following:

- Community College Cashier's Office
- Community College Financial Aid Office
- Online through your student account

T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipients remain eligible for all of the other benefits from their T.E.A.C.H. scholarship:

- The \$80.00 travel stipend will be mailed to a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipient each semester they are enrolled in college. The T.E.A.C.H. Program will need to receive a copy of the grant award letter to ensure disbursement of the travel stipend.
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipients remain eligible for their \$350.00 contract completion bonus from T.E.A.C.H.
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipients remain eligible for their sponsor's portion of the completion bonus. This will amount to an additional \$350.00 bonus or a 2% raise, depending on the scholarship model that the scholarship recipient and their employer selected, unless this portion of their contract has been waived.
- T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Recipients remain eligible for paid release time if they are working as a teacher, teacher's assistant, or DES certified family child care provider, unless this portion of their contract has been waived.

Please feel free to contact Michelle McKinley, T.E.A.C.H. Administrative Assistant, at mmckinley@asccaz.org or 480-829-0500 x 1152 or 1-800-535-4599 x 1152 if you have any questions.



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA is a signature program of First Things First administered under contract with the Association for Supportive Child Care



INSPIRATIONAL STORIES



Desiree Gustafson, Assistant Director, Lynn Beltran, Director and Erin Tenorio, Teacher New Beginnings Preschool, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Lynn Beltran, the Director of New Beginnings Preschool, is supporting two teachers in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Scholarship Program. Both Desiree and Erin, had taken courses prior to the T.E.A.C.H. Program, but T.E.A.C.H. is now helping them finish their Associates Degree at Coconino Community College. Both successfully completed their first contract year.

T.E.A.C.H. was very understanding and supportive through some of their personal hardships, so they were able to continue with their education! Lynn said, "Desiree and Erin are always helping other teachers in their classrooms and with their lesson plans. They are bringing what they have learned in school back to their classrooms." Erin and Desiree are both mothers, work full time, and want to graduate with their Associates degree and continue on to earn their Bachelors degree.

"As a Head Start teacher, I have faced the increasing qualification requirements. If I had not been lucky enough to be a T.E.A.C.H. Associates Degree recipient, I would not be able to continue my career as an early childhood professional. Without T.E.A.C.H. I would not be able to afford furthering my education. Thank you for this opportunity!"

Ashley Richards, Teacher, Hualapai Head Start, Peach Springs, Arizona



"I am married and I have three children. My passion is teaching. I have 10 years of experience working with children and so many dreams. Thanks to the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Program one of my dreams and the dreams of so many family child care providers are being fulfilled. I now have the opportunity to go to college. This program will increase my knowledge in Early Childhood Education and will benefit the many children in my care. I believe children deserve caregivers who understand child development and who are sensitive to their needs."

Vielka Thompson, Owner of Play & Learn Family Child Care, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

PARTICIPATING T.E.A.C.H. COLLEGES

Arizona Western College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Care and Education
Advisor Contact:
Judy Watkinson 928-344-7790

Central Arizona College

ECE Degrees Offered:
Preschool AAS Degree
Family Child Care AAS Degree
Infant Toddler AAS Degree
Early Childhood Management AAS Degree
Contact:
Barbara Mezzio at 520-494-5040

Chandler Gilbert Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Learning and Development
Contact:
Jennifer Peterson at 480-857-5535
or Terri McClelland at 480-732-7317

Cochise College

ECE Degrees Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
AA in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Ben Berry at 520-515-5363

Coconino Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Paul Holbrook at 928-226-4248

Eastern Arizona/Gila Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
JoAnn Morales at 928-428-8919

Glendale Community College

ECE Degrees Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
AA In Early Childhood Administration and Management
Contact:
Judy Poggi at 623-845-3194

Mesa Community College

ECE Degrees Offered:
AAS in Early Care and Education
AA in Transfer Partnership:
Early Childhood Teacher Education
AAS in Early Learning and Development
Contact:
Annapurna Ganesh at 480-461-7305

Electronic Hyperlink:

[Participating T.E.A.C.H. Colleges](http://www.asccaz.org/teach.html)

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Mohave Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AA Degree in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Dr. Peggy Federici at 928-505-3388

Northland Pioneer College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Claude Enfield at 928-524-7335

Paradise Valley Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Christie Colunga at 602-787-7731

Pima Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AA in Early Childhood Education
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Shanna Kukla (520)206-5245

Phoenix College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Alverta McKenzie at 602-285-7292

Rio Salado College

ECE Degrees Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
AAS In Early Childhood Administration
AA in Transfer Partnership:
Early Childhood Teacher Education
AAS in Early Learning and Development
Contact:
Jennifer Stasi at 480-517-8732
Felicia Ramirez at 480-517-8429
Gidget Poler at 480-517-8489

Scottsdale Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Learning and Development
Contact:
Roseanne Dlugosz at 480-423-6204

South Mountain Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Early Childhood Education
Contact:
Renee Young at 602-243-6204

Tohono O'odham Community College

ECE Degree Offered:
AAS in Child Development
Contact:
Carmen Juarez at 520-383-0040

Red color indicates a joint degree pathway between colleges.

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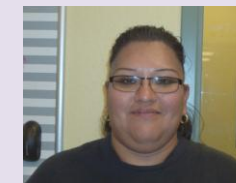


Memarie Tsosie, Larita Stevens and Melissa Begay First Things First, Navajo Nation Regional Office Staff

A special thank you to the Navajo Nation First Things First staff, for their continuous support of T.E.A.C.H. and their involvement with outreach opportunities as well as providing information about possible participants.

THANK YOU

- Mohave Community College, Rio Salado College, Chandler Gilbert Community College and Pima Community College for hosting T.E.A.C.H. registration events. These were very successful in helping students with the registration process, filling out their charge approval paperwork and having their questions about T.E.A.C.H. answered.
- Mesa Community College and South Mountain Community College, for hosting T.E.A.C.H. presentations in their Early Childhood Education classes. This was a wonderful opportunity to present the T.E.A.C.H. Program to students who may be interested in becoming T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship recipients.



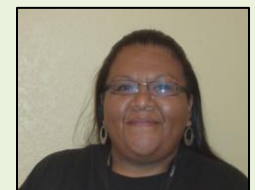
Laurie Monte, Assistant Teacher, Head Start, Tohono O'odham, Sells, Arizona

Laurie is currently on her third T.E.A.C.H. contract and is over half way to completing her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. She is thankful for the support from her Program Specialist and the financial help from T.E.A.C.H.



Jennifer Manuel and Norma Landin, Teachers, Salt River Early Childhood Education Center, Scottsdale, Arizona, CDA Scholarship Recipients

Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community now has five active T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship recipients. We are very excited to have this new partnership with SRPMIC.



Marie Jose, Assistant Teacher, Head Start, Tohono O'odham, Sells, Arizona

"The T.E.A.C.H. Program has really helped me to further my education. I am glad that they came to our center to tell us about this program. I plan to stay with T.E.A.C.H. for years to come."

Network Meetings:

Several Scholar and Director Network Meetings were held in October and November.

These meetings answered questions, received suggestions for additional program support and gave participants and directors the opportunity to meet each other and network.



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Elaine Bradford, T.E.A.C.H. Program Coordinator



I am honored to take on the role of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Program Coordinator. I have been in the Early Childhood Education field for over 20 years. Throughout the past two decades many things have changed in the field, but the one consistent component is that children thrive in a quality environment.

The first five years are critical for a child's educational and social development. In order to give our children the best opportunity for success we need to arm our teachers with the tools to help our children maximize their potential. The T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Program is a primary foundation for generating these successes.

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To apply for the T.E.A.C.H. Program visit:

www.asccaz.org/teach.html

Download an application, print forms, eligibility requirements and additional program information