“Going to college was never an option for me; my family needed me to work to help out financially. I was given the opportunity to attend college in my 40’s. I worked full-time as a center director and after 8 long years; one class per semester I was able to graduate with my associate degree. Through those years I gained much more than just academic knowledge; I learned about myself. I gained a confidence that I never had before. The opportunities that being part of the T.E.A.C.H. program has given me are invaluable.

Tracey Matchefts, Director
Open Door M Station
Austin, Texas

“Teaching and education are among the most important aspects of my life. Being an educator of young children, I know it is imperative to create a classroom environment that nurtures the child as a whole.”

Athlene Esther Blaize, Associate Graduate and Bachelor recipient
Killeen, Texas
ELIGIBILITY:

Individuals who:
• Work in a DFPS licensed center or family home in Texas
• Work a minimum of 30 hours per week
• Earn $20.00/hour or less.
• Are committed to remaining in the early childhood field.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

CDA Assessment Fee
• 85% of Assessment Fee
• $150 Bonus upon completion

Associate Degree in Early Childhood/Child Development
• 80% of Tuition
• 80% of Books
• Travel Stipend
• 4 Hours Release Time
• $300 Bonus upon completion

Education:

• Participants must enroll in an Associate Degree program in early childhood or child development with a in-state public community college.
• Participants must successfully complete 9-15 credit hours during the twelve month contract

Compensation:

• Upon completion of a contract if all requirements have been met the participant is eligible for a $150/$300 bonus from T.E.A.C.H. depending on scholarship model. Participants may also be eligible for a bonus or raise from the sponsoring center. Raise or bonus are dependent on scholarship model.

Commitment:

• CDA Assessment fee participants must commit to remaining employed in their program for an additional 3-6 months depending on scholarship model.
• Associate Degree participants commit to remaining employed in their program for an additional year.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® TEXAS is an educational scholarship opportunity for early childhood educators who work in the licensed child care setting across Texas. Child Care Services Association in North Carolina created the T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) project in 1990 to address the issues of the under-educated, poorly compensated and high turnover within the early childhood workforce.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® TEXAS provides scholarships to early childhood professionals across the state to complete course work and credentials to create a more educated and stable workforce.