



# T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood<sup>®</sup> NEBRASKA 2002-2011

Studies of quality early childhood care and education programs indicate the best quality programs are those where staff are well educated and turnover is low. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood<sup>®</sup> (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) is designed to provide scholarship funds for those working with young children. Each scholarship addresses three key issues facing those in the early care and education field:

**The Education Level of the Staff • High Turnover In Programs • Low Wages**

## Highlights 2002-2011

- ✧ Since 2002, **717** Nebraska child care providers have been awarded a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship.
- ✧ They live in **66** different Nebraska counties.
- ✧ They work in **378** different Nebraska child care programs.
- ✧ **15,601** college credits were taken from 2002-2011.
- ✧ **43%** of those T.E.A.C.H. students were minorities.
- ✧ The average T.E.A.C.H. student was **36** years old.
- ✧ **111** students have graduated with an Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree while on a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship.

*"The T.E.A.C.H. program is a wonderful opportunity. I hope to use it again. For my staff it was very informative and she shared what she learned. T.E.A.C.H. has been a great way to improve on education and skills."*

Sponsoring Program: Hall County



*"I don't know if I can express what it has meant to me. It has changed my life for the better. It has given me confidence that has affected all areas of my life."*

Scholarship Recipient: Douglas County



**Through T.E.A.C.H everyone wins....**

- Providers can work toward degrees in early childhood education and immediately use that knowledge in their early care and education setting.
- Children receive higher quality care and can bond more effectively with their teachers.
- Child care programs have the benefit of more qualified staff who stay longer in the program.



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## Research

The quality of care a young child receives has been shown to dramatically impact his or her social, emotional, physical and intellectual development, and ultimately, success in school and life. Research studies show that top predictors of quality child care are educated providers, low staff turnover, low child/staff ratios and above minimum licensure or accreditation.

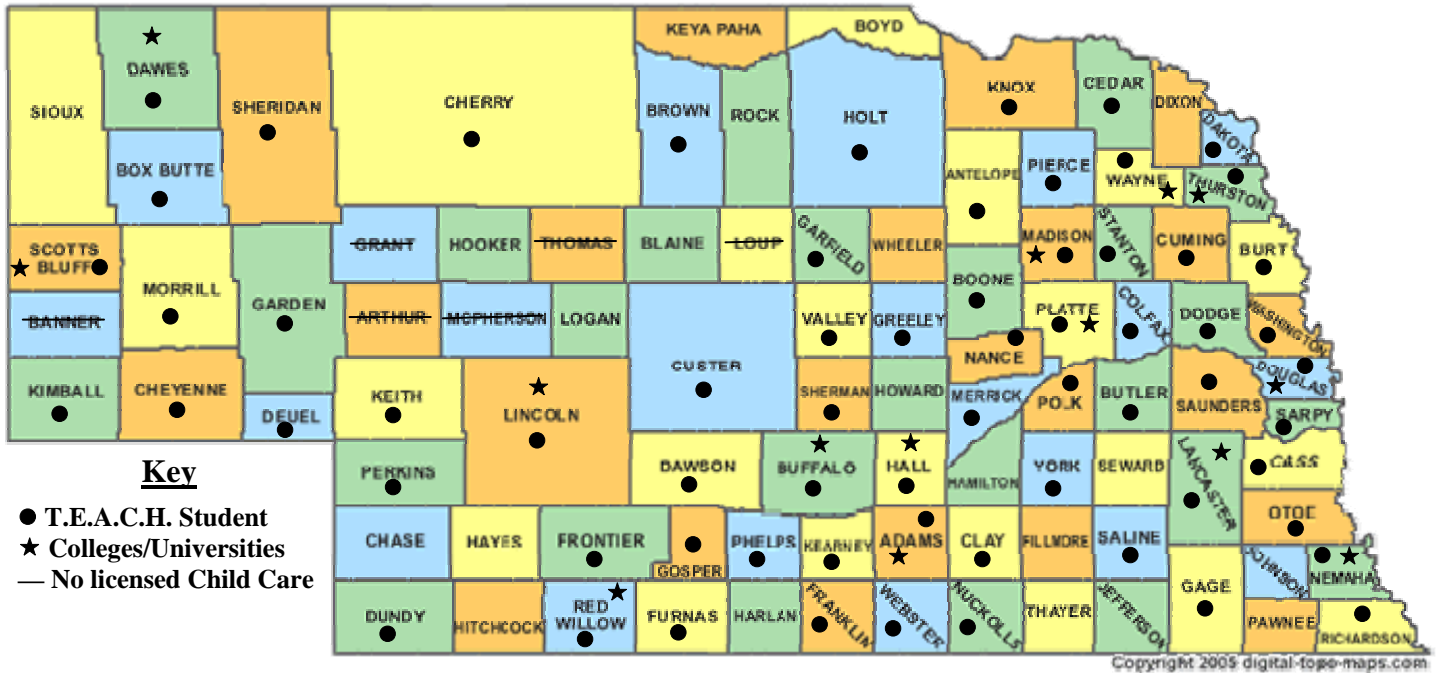
*(North Carolina, Child Care Services Association Website)*

Education has typically been one of the most consistent predictors of observed quality.

*(Midwest Child Care Study. Phillips, Mekos, Scarr, McCartney, and Abbott-Shim, 2000)*



## Statewide T.E.A.C.H. Students by County 2002-2011



*"I wanted to write to say thank you so much for my T.E.A.C.H. scholarship. Without it I know I would not have been able to get my degree in Early Childhood Education. I never even dreamed it was possible with working full time in Head Start and being a mom of 4 boys and wife..."*

Scholarship Recipient: Cuming County

### T.E.A.C.H. Partners

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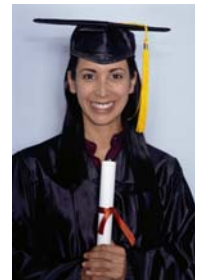
- ✓ American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
- ✓ Buffett Early Childhood Fund
- ✓ Building Bright Futures Foundation
- ✓ Lozier Foundation
- ✓ Peter Kiewit Foundation
- ✓ William & Ruth Scott Foundation



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### Participating Nebraska Colleges & Universities

- \* Central Community College
- \* Chadron State College
- \* Little Priest Community College
- \* Metro Community College
- \* Mid Plains Community College
- \* NE Indian Community College
- \* Northeast Community College
- \* Peru State College
- \* Southeast Community College
- \* Wayne State College
- \* Western Nebraska Community College
- \* University of Nebraska - Kearney
- \* University of Nebraska - Lincoln



*"You are allowing me to reach my dreams in life and I can't thank you enough!"*

Scholarship Recipient: Nuckolls County