



FACT SHEET

What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT Program?	<p>T.E.A.C.H. VERMONT is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce with access to educational opportunities. There are five (5) components to all T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive scholarships: support for tuition and books, a travel stipend, and paid release time. College education: a set amount of college coursework leading to a degree. Compensation: providing incentive in the form of a bonus and/or raise. Commitment: requiring a commitment to continue working at one's current program for a specified period. Counselor: assistance to the student in securing scholarship, navigating the college processes and monitoring progress and needs.
Why is there a need for this program in Vermont?	<p>The professional development of early childhood care and education providers has been directly linked to quality care in numerous studies and reports. By promoting higher education, T.E.A.C.H. VERMONT is helping to establish a well-qualified, fairly-compensated, stable workforce able to meet licensing and quality standards.</p>
Who is eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT Program scholarship?	<p>To be eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. VERMONT scholarship, an applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in a regulated early childhood setting for at least 30 hours per week. Meet income eligibility requirements (For the AA degree scholarship: make \$15 or less per hour.) Work in a program that has had no serious violations for the past 12 months or history of recurring violations as defined by the Child Development Division. Have an employer who is willing to engage in the cost-sharing scholarship model.
What types of educational scholarships are currently available from the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT Program?	<p>T.E.A.C.H. VERMONT currently offers a scholarship for an Early Childhood Education Associates Degree and for Early Childhood AOE licensure/endorsement scholarships. Both models are available for: 1) Family Child Care Providers, 2) Center Teachers, 3) Center Employer Directors and 4) Center Director/Owners.</p> <p>All our scholarships require partnerships between the T.E.A.C.H. Program, scholarship recipient, and the child care center or family child care home that employs the scholarship recipient. As the T.E.A.C.H. VERMONT Program expands, it is expected that additional scholarships will be made available to support early childhood professionals in pursuing advanced degrees.</p>
Who administers the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT Program and how is it funded?	<p>The Vermont Association for the Education of Young Children (VAEYC) is the administrative home and licensee for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® VERMONT Program. Child Care Services Association (CCSA), North Carolina, issues a license to the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Projects in 25 states. T.E.A.C.H. VERMONT scholarships are funded by Vermont's Early Learning Challenge /Race to the Top Grant.</p>

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