



TO: Roger Breed, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Melody Hobson

SUBJECT: Contract with the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (NeAEYC) for T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska Scholarship Program

Proposed Board Action:

Grant the Commissioner the authority to continue to contract with the Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children (NeAEYC) for services to administer the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska Scholarship program for early childhood care and education program staff.

Background Information:

The Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H) Early Childhood scholarship and wage enhancement program was begun in North Carolina in 1990 by the Child Care Services Association. It now operates in 21 states. The program was initiated in Nebraska in 2001. The proposed contract presented for State Board approval is for NDE to contract with NeAEYC to continue services from October 1, 2011 until September 30, 2011.

In addition to scholarships for tuition and books, the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska provides individualized career and college counseling for the non-traditional students participating in the program. Staff also actively seek additional funding sources to expand the program to meet the need.

Estimated Cost:

Up to \$808,000 for the two-year contract term. Source: Federal Child Care and Development Funds.

Supporting Documentation Included:

More information about T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nebraska is available at the following website:
<http://nebraskaaeyc.org/t-e-a-c-h-early-childhood/>

The most current Quarterly Report is attached.

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T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®]
NEBRASKA
QUARTERLY REPORT
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Student Spotlight - Nancy Perez

Nancy has participated on T.E.A.C.H. since the Fall 2010 term and is a student at Southeast Community College in Lincoln. She has taken 45 credits since she was awarded a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship and has a 4.0 GPA. She is planning on graduating the end of the Fall 2011 term with an Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.



Nancy is an infant teacher at the Six Pence program for Crete Public Schools in Crete, NE. Nancy and her husband live in Dorchester, NE and have a two year old daughter that motivates them.

Nancy Says: "I love my job because it has taught me so much about working with young children. I am very proud to work in a program that allows young mothers to finish school while their children are provided with quality care. I value every child as an individual and I try to learn about their learning styles, strengths, interests and their needs. I am very fortunate to have many opportunities to keep growing as an individual as well as an early childhood professional."

"I am very fortunate to have the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] NEBRASKA Scholarship. It has motivated me to work hard in college and to strive for a better life for my family. It has been a challenge to work and go to college, but through T.E.A.C.H. I have had the opportunity to get homework done at work and that gives me time for my family. I know that with hard work and dedication I will accomplish all my goals and I plan to continue my education with the help of the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood[®] NEBRASKA Scholarship."



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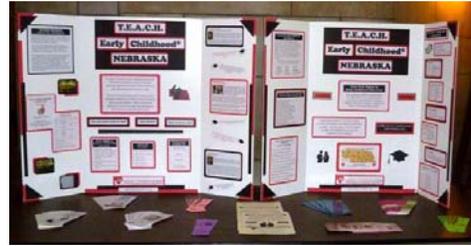
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SUCCESSES

Week of the Young Child

Nebraska AEYC provided a display in two “corners” of the State Capitol during the Week of the Young Child. Displays were about quality and what it looks like, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA, Outdoor classrooms, and the Accreditation process. Also included were a variety of examples of children’s art.



T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Conference

In May, Brandee and Linda attended the National T.E.A.C.H. Conference in Chapel Hill, NC.

Survey Monkey

We are now using Survey Monkey. We have used it for election of officers, as well as member surveys. We gathered information regarding the electronic newsletter, and have recently distributed a survey about student groups to all campuses with early childhood programs.

We received 110 responses to the survey about the NeAEYC newsletter. Results indicated the top pages read were:

- Nebraska AEYC updates/activities: 72.4%
- Upcoming Conference information: 60.2%

Private Funding

We continue to serve additional students funded through the Building Bright Futures and ARRA funds.

New NeAEYC Board Members

We are happy to welcome the following new board members:

- Shelley Kahrs, Franklin Elementary Schools Principal;
- Sarah DeWald, Co-director of Trinity Child Care at Holdrege; and
- Michelle Rupiper, UNL Professor and Ruth Staples Child Development Center Director (Michelle will be serving as President Elect)

2011 Advocate of the Year

Brandee Lengel was recognized by the Nebraska Family Child Care Association as the 2011 Advocate of the Year at the Annual Providers Day Out event. This event was held on April 2, in Lincoln at the Center for People in Need.

The Advocate of the Year Award is presented to a person or group who has championed the cause of family child care providers and the children they care for, or the profession in general. The recipient is someone who is not directly involved in caring for children. NFCCA members and affiliated support groups make nominations for this award.



CHALLENGES

- Costs continue to rise for both tuition and books, so the number of students we’re able to serve continues to decline, as our money remains the same.
- We continue to utilize a waiting list for potential students. Currently, we have approximately 25 students waiting for a scholarship to become available.
- We continue to explore ways to replace the ARRA funding source that will be ending September 30th, 2011.

NEAYC SUMMER PLANNING RETREAT

Nebraska AEYC hosted the 10th annual planning retreat at Mahoney State Park on Thursday, June 9. It was attended by nearly 50 people. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NEBRASKA was one of the topics for the working groups.



Identified Goals

(bolded goals are new this year, other goals are a continuation of 2010 goals)

- Goal #1- Continue to improve Competency #15 (dialogue about education & compensation initiatives)
- Goal #2- Continue to improve Competency #16 (information on the status of the workforce)
- Goal #3- Identify ways to celebrate the 100th graduate of T.E.A.C.H.
- **Goal #4- Suggestions to update and revise the T.E.A.C.H. pages on the NeAEYC website**
- **Goal #5- Ideas on how T.E.A.C.H. can utilize Survey Monkey**
- **Goal #6- Ideas on how we can celebrate T.E.A.C.H. at Ten**
- **Goal #7- Create ECED Program Directory pages for Universities with the Unified Endorsement**

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

At the summer planning retreat, one of the students recognized, Brittany Cambern, was also a past T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Student, attending Southeast Community College. Brittany completed 27.5 credits while participating on T.E.A.C.H for one year.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	STAFF	TEACH	NeAEYC
Provider's Day Out Conference	Lincoln	Brandee	X	X
Early Childhood Celebration	Lincoln	Brandee	X	X
NeAEYC Planning Retreat	Mahoney State Park	All Staff	X	X
Region VII quarterly meeting	Kansas City, MO	Linda	X	X
Building Bright Futures Task Force	Omaha	Linda	X	X
TEACH Advisory Committee meeting	Lincoln	Brandee, Linda	X	
Week of the Young Child display at The State Capitol	Lincoln	All Staff	X	X
NeAEYC Board of Director's meeting	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
TEACH National Conference	Chapel Hill, NC	Linda, Brandee	X	
ECICC meeting	Nebraska City	Linda	X	
Early Childhood Data Summit	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
Professional Development Institute	Providence, RI	Dawn M, Tracy	X	X
Southeast Advisory Team Mtg	Lincoln	Brandee	X	
Southeast Professional Development Partnership Meeting	Lincoln	Brandee	X	X
Together for Kids and Families Mtg	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
NeAEYC Newsletter	Statewide	All Staff	X	X
Nebraska Nature Action Collaborative	Lincoln	Linda, Tracy, Gina		X
P-16 Goal 3 Meeting	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
Nebraska Head Start Association Mtg & Strategic Planning Meeting	Hastings	Linda	X	X
Portfolio Meetings	Wayne, North Platte, Tecumseh	Linda Brandee Gina	X	X

SCHOLAR DATA

Current Scholars

Funder	AA/BA	Goal	6/30/11	3/31/11	12/31/10	9/30/10	6/30/10
NDE/HHSS	AA	150	100	109	119	123	133
NDE/HHSS	BA	15	7	7	11	12	19
NDE/HHSS	GAP	15	14	12	16	20	22
Subtotal		180	121	128	146	155	174
Building Bright Futures	AA/BA/GAP	30	25	28	34	33	33
ARRA	AA/BA/GAP	30	28	30	34	29	--
Subtotal		60	53	58	68	62	33
TOTAL			174	186	214	217	207

Current Scholars, By College

UNK	UNL	Wayne	Chadron	Peru	Metro	Southeast	Central	Northeast	Mid-Plains	Western	Little Priest	NE Indian	TOTAL
9	—	1	4	3	86	28	26	4	2	11	—	—	174

Current Scholars, By Profession

	Teachers	Family Child Care Providers	Director-Employees	Director-Owners	Total
NDE/HHSS – AA	64	32	2	2	100
NDE/HHSS – BA	5	—	2	—	7
NDE/HHSS – GAP	12	2	—	—	14
Sub-Total	81	34	4	2	121
Building Bright Futures– AA/BA/GAP	21	—	1	3	25
ARRA– AA/BA/GAP	17	10	1	—	28
Sub-Total	38	10	2	3	53
Totals	119	44	6	5	174

Average GPA of recipients for the most recently completed term:

Associate Degree Students: 3.6 (B+)

Bachelor Degree Students: n/a (winter quarter only)

PARTICIPATION ON COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

COMMITTEE/TEAM	STAFF PARTICIPATING	LOCATION	TEACH	NeAEYC
Building Bright Futures	Linda, Brandee, Gina	Omaha	X	X
Call to Action Task Force	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Central Community College Advisory Team	Brandee	Grand Island	X	
Community College Early Childhood Team	Linda & Brandee	Grand Island	X	
Community Services Initiative—EC team	Tracy	Lincoln	X	X
Community Services Leadership Team	Tracy, Linda	Lincoln		X
Early Childhood Public Policy Team	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
EC Interagency Coordinating Council	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Environment Ratings Scale Team	Linda, Tracy, Gina, Cindy	Lincoln		X
Human Services Federation	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Kids Count Data Team	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Lincoln Public School Consumer Advisory Team	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Metro Community College Advisory Team	Linda & Brandee	Omaha	X	
Nature Action Collaborative	Linda, Tracy, Gina	Lincoln/Omaha		X
Nebraska Head Start Association	Linda	Hastings	X	X
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands	Linda	Omaha	X	X
P-16 Committee & Goals 2 & 4	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Public Policy Team	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
Region VII Advisory Council	Linda	Kansas City, MO	X	X
Regional Training Project	Tracy	Lincoln	X	X
Regional Training Project	Gina	Omaha	X	X
Southeast Community College Advisory Team	Brandee	Lincoln	X	
Together for Kids and Families	Linda	Lincoln	X	X
United Way School Readiness Team	Linda	Omaha		X
United Way	Tracy	Lincoln	X	X

NEXT QUARTER

Outreach for Next Quarter

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	STAFF	TEACH	NeAEYC
ASAE Conference	St. Louis	Brandee, Linda	X	X
Together for Kids and Families	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
Kindergarten Conference	Kearney	Gina		X
Nature Research Symposium	Nebraska City	Linda		X
P-16 Leadership Team Mtg	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
Region VII Board of Directors Mtg	Kansas City, MO	Linda	X	X
ECICC Mtg	Lincoln	Linda	X	X
NeAEYC Board of Directors Mtg	Lincoln	Linda	X	X

Goals for Next Quarter

GoTo Meetings: Continue to fine tune the GoTo meeting platform and create workshops for the T.E.A.C.H. program. (FAQ Training for Center Directors/Advocacy Training for T.E.A.C.H. participants and Center Directors)

Survey Monkey: We will be continuing to explore ways we are able to use to gather feedback and demographic information from the TEACH students and sponsoring programs through this avenue.

Funding: Secure additional funding to replace the ARRA funds and continue to search additional dollars to add students from the waiting list.