

Scholarship program for child care providers to change hands

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A scholarship program that helps child care providers across the state is changing hands.

The Teacher Education and Compensation Helps program, or TEACH, awards scholarships to child care providers pursuing higher education.

The Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children will assume the program's administration, as the current administrator, the Michigan 4C Association, will dissolve by the end of September.

Karen Roback with the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, which funds TEACH, says children are best served by educated care providers.

"There's a difference in the quality of care that's provided when someone has more knowledge. So it's important to support providers who are currently in the workforce. Their salary and their wages aren't very high. It's important for them to be supported to continue their education."

Since 2001, TEACH has awarded more than 7,000 scholarships to child care professionals in Michigan.