



T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program

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There is a scholarship program for early childhood professionals called [T.E.A.C.H.](#) (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps). This program is one of the initiatives supported by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation, or ECIC. The Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children ([MiAEYC](#)) just became the new license holder for the T.E.A.C.H. program. Previously the program had been administered by the [Michigan 4C Association](#).

The T.E.A.C.H. program has awarded more than 7,000 scholarships in Michigan to child care professionals who are working on advanced degrees and certification in early childhood. This is a great opportunity to improve skills of providers, which helps ensure that the children in their care will receive quality child care and education.

In Michigan, T.E.A.C.H. targets licensed daycare providers and group home providers. Beneficiaries of this grant must be employed at least 20 hours a week in a licensed or registered child care program. Their enhanced education and skills will benefit not only the recipients, but the children they care for everyday. There is less staff turnover, which creates a more stable environment for the children. It is a win-win situation for all!

For more information about the T.E.A.C.H. program, call 1-866-MITEACH. You may also contact your local ISD. In Manistee County the number to call is 231-723-4590.