



T.E.A.C.H.

Early Childhood® ARIZONA



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First Things First (FTF), approved by Arizona voters, works to ensure that our youngest children have access to quality early childhood experiences so they will start school healthy and ready to succeed.

What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Program

Teacher Education And Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Early Childhood® is a comprehensive scholarship program that links training, compensation, and commitment to improving the quality of early childhood care and education experiences for young children and their families. There are four (4) components to the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Program:

- Educational scholarships
- Formal education
- Compensation
- Commitment

Who is eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Program scholarship?

Child care center teachers, directors, and family child care home providers may be eligible for a scholarship if they:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Are Employed in the state of Arizona
- Work in a licensed child care center or certified family child care home
 - The initial roll-out of scholarships are available only for centers and homes participating in Quality First!
 - With additional funding provided by Regional Partnership Councils, it is expected that scholarships will be available for some

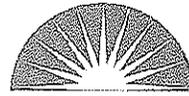
centers and homes not participating in Quality First!

- Work a minimum of 30 hours a week directly with young children, ages birth-5 or work as a director of a center that serves children, ages birth-5 (Associates Degree Scholarship); work a minimum of 20 hours a week directly with young children, ages birth-5 (CDA Assessment Scholarship)
- Have the sponsorship of the child care center or family child care home which employs them
- Earn \$15.00 or less per hour

In Arizona, the Association for Supportive Child Care (ASCC) is the administrative home and licensee for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARIZONA Program. Child Care Services Association (CCSA), North Carolina, has agreements to license the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project in approximately 22 states. Scholarships are offered in 9-15 college credit formats and applications are accepted year round. To obtain an application, get more information, or if you have questions, contact the T.E.A.C.H. ARIZONA Program at the Association for Supportive Child Care.

For more information, visit: <http://www.asccaz.org/teach.html>

See contact information on next page.



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