

# T.E.A.C.H.

## Early Childhood® Florida

### Impact Report 2022-2023

**\$10M**

invested in  
T.E.A.C.H.  
scholarships



**4,016**

total scholars including  
**985** high school, career  
and tech students

#### Compensation

**11%**

average increase  
in T.E.A.C.H.  
scholars' wages

#### Education

**22,390**  
credit hours  
taken



#### Retention

**96%**

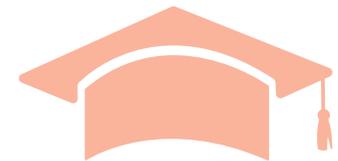
workforce retention  
for T.E.A.C.H. scholars  
*National Rate = 70%*

**1,927** participating  
programs

*including*

**60%** For-Profit & Small  
Business Owners

**3.41**  
average GPA



**596,223**

children benefiting since 1998





# Thank you, legislators, for your continued support of T.E.A.C.H.

Research shows early childhood experiences to be critical in brain development. Data further confirms that ensuring these experiences are both high quality and meaningful, is more effective than attempting to later address behavioral or academic issues in older children.

Highly educated, qualified, and consistent early childhood educators are vital to providing infants, toddlers, and young children with stable early learning environments that **build trust** and **promote school readiness**. The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship Program (Teacher Education And Compensation Helps) assists eligible educators, directors, and owners with financial support and incentives to further their education and expand their careers in the field.

T.E.A.C.H. National was created in 1995 and is and licensed by the Child Care Services Association in North Carolina. The program currently operates in 23 states including the District of Columbia. The Children's Forum proudly serves as administrator of the T.E.A.C.H. Florida program in the state's capital city of Tallahassee. Since T.E.A.C.H. first received statewide funding in 1998 through *F.S. Chapter 1002.59*, more than **67,000 scholarships** have been awarded to over **44,000 scholars**.

- There are several key issues that negatively impact our state's early childhood workforce, including continuing education, retention, and compensation. The T.E.A.C.H. program addresses these areas by linking professional development, increased compensation, and a commitment to remain in the early learning profession.

With the T.E.A.C.H. program:

- o Early childhood educators can expand their skill sets and apply effective instructional strategies in their classrooms,
- o Child care facility and family child care home owners can expand their community and economic footprints, and
- o Young children and their families receive the benefits of high quality early learning environments.



The pipeline of Florida's early childhood workforce needs highly qualified teachers. With legislative support, a continuation of current funding, and an increase of recurring dollars, we can continue to infuse that pipeline and provide educational access to thousands of T.E.A.C.H. scholars.

**94%** of sponsors report seeing an increase in knowledge and classroom skills for their T.E.A.C.H. scholars

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