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 TEACH Rhode Island



## Advance your career in early childhood education

Earn a degree or higher education opportunity while receiving financial assistance and increased compensation!

90% of a child's brain development has begun by age 5.



Research shows that the quality of a child's experiences in the first few years of life helps shape how the child's brain develops—experiences that impact their health and ability to learn and succeed in school and in life. As educators, the more knowledge and educational experience we have, the better prepared we are to support children during this critical time.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood RI is managed by:



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## What is the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Rhode Island Scholarship Program?

- ✓ **An opportunity to access a higher education curriculum** that focuses on the academic, social, and cognitive skills that develop in children from birth through school-age and beyond.
- ✓ **A unique scholarship program** that may help you advance in your career and role in the profession by pursuing a degree and higher education opportunities in the field of early childhood education.
- ✓ **An opportunity to further your leadership skills** in early childhood education.
- ✓ T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood RI currently supports programs of study at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) and Rhode Island College (RIC).

## What are the Employee's Commitments?

- 1 Attend classes and successfully complete courses
- 2 Pay a small portion of the tuition cost and books
- 3 Agree to remain working for the sponsoring child care program for at least 1 year

## What are the Employer's Commitments?

- 1 Provide a small portion of the tuition cost
- 2 Provide at least 3 hours of paid release time each week (reimbursed by T.E.A.C.H.) while classes are in session
- 3 Award the scholarship recipient with a raise upon completion of contract



## What are the Benefits to Participating?

- ✓ Affords recipients the time and minimal expense for attending school and taking coursework leading to credentials and degrees
- ✓ Increases knowledge and capabilities around early childhood education
- ✓ Increases compensation
- ✓ Increases professional status
- ✓ Increases job satisfaction knowing your employer values your professional development
- ✓ Provides academic and financial advisement



## Who do I contact for more information?

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