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## Congratulations!

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA would like to congratulate the following scholarship recipients and their sponsors for reaching some important milestones:

- Graduated with a college/university degree:

Sheila Creech

Lindsey Reed

Juliana Brost

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Dianna Lake

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Robin's Nest Child Care Center

Community Action Program of Evansville (CAPE)

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Toyota Children's Center (Bright Horizons)

Bloomington Developmental Learning Center

- Renewed a Child Development Associate Credential and successfully completed their scholarship in 2007:

Peggy

Anita

Beck

Cox

Toyota Children's Center

GKB Head Start

Janet	Farkas	Madison Center
Janet	French	Manchester Comm Child Care, Inc.
Donna	Lee	Smart Start
Leoma	Mullendore	Tippecanoe County Child Care, Inc.
Valerie	Robinson	Methodist Children's Center
Michelle	Schaefer	Sugar-N-Spice
Tangela	Smith	Imagination Station
Alyssa	Stalter	CANI Head Start, Inc.
Kimberly	Townsend	Day Nursery Association
Katherine	Wilkinson	Lutheran Hospital Child Development Center

- Received a Child Development Associate Credential and successfully completed their scholarship in 2007:

Sherry	Heinz	3 Little Stars Daycare
Heather	Inman	Academy of Learning
Linda	Whitfield	Academy of Learning
Paula	Hill	All About Us
Karen	Hall	All for Kids
Mari-Helen	Justice	All for Kids
Kim	McFrederick	All for Kids
Rose	Rose	Area 30 Career Center
Debbie	Russell	Area IV Head Start
Donna	Bensheimer	Around the Clock Child Care
Beverly	Baymon	Aunt B's Child Care Home
Jean	Finn	Auntie Mame's Child Development Center, Inc.
Mekissa	Jones	Auntie Mame's Child Development Center, Inc.
Regina	Hunter	Auntie Regina's Playhouse for Kids
Jennifer	Ayer	Ayer Child Care
Mattie	Jackson	Babes Child Care
Corrinthia	Bullock	Baby Dear's Day Care
Natasha	Campbell	Barbs Babes
Barbara	Marvin	Barb's Day Care
Betty	Lomax	BeBe's Child Care
Sherrie	Jones	Beech Tree House Center for Child Development
Elizabeth	Coleman	Beth's Daycare
Jessica	Burton	Bloomington Day Care Corporation
Dana	Thompson	Bloomington Day Care Corporation
Jamie	Newman	Blue River Services, Inc.
Carol	Ross	Blue River Services, Inc.
Cheryl	Stiles	Blue River Services, Inc.
Tina	Wright	Blue River Services, Inc.
Georgia	Habegger	Building Blocks Child Care
Nicole	McCarty	Burgett's Child Care Center
Yvonne	Henderson	Busy Bee Day Care II

Linda	Anderson	Butler Community Daycare, Inc.
Penny	Hanson	Buttons & Bows Day Nursery
Patricia	Hardwick	Buttons & Bows Day Nursery
Tammy	Mason	Buttons & Bows Day Nursery
Heidi	Myars	Buttons & Bows Day Nursery
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LaQueisha	Brown	CANI Head Start, Inc.
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April	Wolfe	Cardinal Center, Inc.
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Jaclyn	Condra	Carousel Play & Learn Center, Inc.
Sarah	Crain	Carousel Play & Learn Center, Inc.
Judy	McClure	Carousel Play & Learn Center, Inc.
Kimberly	McLaughlin	Carousel Play & Learn Center, Inc.
Cassandra	Turner	Cassie's Care
Jesse	Turner	Cassie's Care
Christina	Harrell	Castleton United Methodist Church
Donna	Grandon	Central Methodist Child Care
Donna	Marrs-Feagley	Central Methodist Child Care
Rita	Hale	Cerebral Palsy of NWI
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Phyllis	Armstrong	Children's Park Child Care Center
Mary	Brackney	Children's Park Child Care Center
Lori	Biggerstaff	Children's Park Childcare Center
Patricia	Tumey	Children's Park Childcare Center
Michelle	Warnock	Children's Park Childcare Center
Leatha	Young	Children's Park Childcare Center
Tamara	Nation	Children's White House Learning Center and Day Care
Christina	Rollf	Christina Rollf Daycare
Carol	Ewing	Churubusco Community Child Care Center
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Theresa	Seeley	Community Care in Union County, Inc.
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Elaine	Bromm	Community Day Care Center
Sharon	Leiberling	Community Day Care Center
Karen	Fritter	Country Corner Daycare
Peggy	Gantz	Country Corner Daycare

Virgilene	Weatherly	Country Kids Childcare
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Brienna	Hines	Daleville Christian Church Daycare Center
Trula	Smith	Daleville Christian Church Daycare Center
Kimberly	West	Daleville Christian Church Daycare Center
Karen	Peerman	Deaconess Hospital Child Care Center
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Pamela	Slater	Developmental Training Centers, Inc.
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Angela	Harville	Early Learning Centers, Inc.
Shannon	Henderson	Early Learning Centers, Inc.
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Cyntia	Garcia	El Campito, Inc.
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Patricia	Kamp	First Christian Church
Judith	Swank	First Christian Church
Alisha	Chelette	First Presbyterian Children's Center
Chris	Curry	Flanner House Child Development Center
Tami	Blanton	Fort Fun Daycare
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Christa	Frost	Frosty Child Care
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Jennifer	Johnson	Gateway Association, Inc.
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Florena	Perkins	Granny's Lil Treasures
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Amanda	Vest	Hook's Child Day Care
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Rosetta	DeShazer	Horizon Central Christian School
Kathleen	Monahan	Horizon Central Christian School
Debra	Treeter	Horizon Central Christian School
Mavis	Washington	Horizon Central Christian School
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Cindy	Gilbert	Human Services, Inc.
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Jessica	Schmidt	Imagination Station
Jennifer	Thompson	Imagination Station
Lori	Arvin	Imaginations Daycare
Lori	Winebrenner	Immanuel Lutheran Day Care Ministry
Abena	Mwaafrika	Jewish Community Center
Barbara	Zukerman	Jewish Community Center
Sherry	Stover	Johnson Memorial Hospital
Miranda	Turnley	Johnson Memorial Hospital
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Carolyn	Jones	Just Like Home
Annie	Logan	Kare Bear Learning Center, Inc.
Jennifer	Martin	Kare Bear Learning Center, Inc.
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Stephanie	Fisher	Karen's Kids Daycare
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Cheryl	Stadtfeld	Kendallville Day Care Center, Inc.
Heather	Eikenberry	Kiddie Carousel Day Care
Robert	Bullock	Kiddie Club Child Care #2, Inc.
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Ryan	Mays	Kiddie Prep School
Sarah	Birch	Kids Connection Child Care Center, Inc.
Michelle	Poole	Kids Lodge Daycare
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Teresa	Hunter	Kid's World, Inc.
Teresa	Williams	Kidz Kompany, Inc.
Almeda	Jackson	Kidz Kompany, Inc.
Tinicka	Watson	Kidz Kompany, Inc.
Bettie	Williams	Kidz Kompany, Inc.
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Tomeika	Beck	Kindercare Learning Center
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Melissa	Lazzara	Knox County Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
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Melissa	Martin	Kountry Angels Child Care
Donna	Smith	Kountry Angels Child Care
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Meretha	Grose	LaPetite Academy
Josephine	Smith	LaPetite Academy
Jaime	Lombard	LaPorte Family YMCA
Jamie	Novak	LaPorte Family YMCA
Victoria	Martin	Laugh and Learn, too
Andrea	Senese	Laugh and Learn, too
Laura	Lockridge	Laura's Day Care
Crystal	Ailes	Learning Time Preschool
Sue	Ames	Learning Time Preschool
Paula	Arthur	Learning Time Preschool
Cindy	Elder	Learning Time Preschool
Judith	Mauer	Learning Time Preschool
Lisa	Robinson	Learning Time Preschool
Lucy	Rushfeldt	Learning Time Preschool
Shanna	Russell	Learning Time Preschool
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Tanya	Welch	Lil La La's Childcare

Linda	Mullen	Linda's House of Joy
Brenda	Altman	Little Lambs Childcare
Amber	Comeno	Little Lambs Childcare
Abbagayle	Holcomb	Little Monkeys
Amy	Walker	Little People Daycare
Mary	Jecker	Little People World
Joyce	Wolfe	Little Praisers Child Care Ministry
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Tabatha	Coulter	Lutheran Hospital Child Development Center
Carole	Boggs	Lutheran Social Services, Inc.
Mary	Hatchley	Madison Center
Helen	Christian	Majesty
Kristi	Nelson	Manchester Comm Child Care, Inc.
Lucy	Perdomo	Manitas Creativas
Marsha	Bodner	Marshia's Munchkins
Mary	Egan	Mary's Little Lambs
Sandra	Underwood	Methodist Children's Center
Michael	Farrior	Michael Farrior
Lora	Dickman	Milestones Learning Center
Alan	Woodhull	Miss Patty's Playhome
Patricia	Woodhull	Miss Patty's Playhome
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Jennifer	Smith	Mt. Zion Day Care Center
Bonita	Gaston	My Little Angels Daycare
Pamela	Diebolt	Nancy's Nook & Nursery, Inc.
Bobbie	Pelfrey	New Beginnings Child Care, Inc.
Rebecca	Campbell	New Hope Services, Inc.
Sharonda	Dalton	Noah's Ark "Barnyard"
Lindsey	Reed	Noah's Ark Day Care Center, Inc.
Cynthia	West	Noah's Ark Day Care Center, Inc.
Cathy	Adams	North Anderson Children's Center, Inc.
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Shelby	White	Ohio Valley Opportunities, Inc.
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Rosilyn	Binns	Park Place Children's Center
Georgie	Haskins	Pathways Child Care Home
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Rachel	Beaupre	Pebble Brook Play School
Nicole	Smith	Pebble Brook Play School
Nicole	Phillips	Peter Rabbit Nursery School & Daycare
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Angela	Johnson	Polly Panda Preschool and CDC, Inc.
Tareca	McGrath	Polly Panda Preschool and CDC, Inc.
Ashley	Sholar	Polly Panda Preschool and CDC, Inc.
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Kathleen	DeRolf	Premier Child Care & Learning Centers
Melissa	Ireton	Premier Child Care & Learning Centers
Melissa	Smit	Premier Child Care & Learning Centers
Vicki	French	Raggedy Ann Child Care & Preschool
Stephanie	Davies	Rainbow Connection Childcare, Inc.
Dana	Miller	Rainbow Connection Childcare, Inc.
Kimberly	Henry	Rising Star Child Development Center, LLC
Tina	Kline	Rising Star Child Development Center, LLC
Stephanie	DeArmond	Riviera Day Care and Pre-School, Inc.
Brooke	Gibney	Riviera Day Care and Pre-School, Inc.
Misty	Rogers	Roger's Daycare
Sharon	McGuin	Rolling Acres Childcare
Ana Laura	Salazar	S.T.A. Childcare
Patricia	Torres	S.T.A. Childcare
Ramona	Vega	School City of Hammond
Nancy	Bales	Seedlings Learning Center
Carrie	Marcus	Seedlings Learning Center
Sheila	Ruby	Sheila's Child Zone
Sheri	May	Sheri's Safari Day Care
Gladys	Dall	SIEOC Head Start
Jenna	Black	Southeastern Indiana YMCA Child Care Center
Theresa	Davis	Southeastern Indiana YMCA Child Care Center
Tina	Jackson	Southeastern Indiana YMCA Child Care Center
Angela	Flores	Southport Heights Christian DayCare Ministry
Jennifer	Miller	St. Joseph United Methodist Weekday Preschool
Michele	Jenkins	St. Mary's Preschool
Starla	Haggard	Starla's Christian Daycare
Heidi	Curlin	Starz Academy
Dawn	Pace	Starz Academy
Amy	Riedel	Starz Academy
Marie	Gibson	Steppin Into Faith In Home Daycare
Towone	Logan	Sugar Drops II Licensed Daycare
Sharon	Birl	Sweetest Things
Leslie	Fyffe	Taillon Child Care Service, Inc
Tammy	Marion	Tammy's Little Ducklings P2
Vicki	Tate	Tate's Tots
Bryant	Davis	Teaching Quality Skills
Angel	Hibbard	Teddy Bear Day Care, Inc.
Tanya	Swanson	Teddy Bear Day Care, Inc.
Michele	Turner	Teddy Bear Daycare
Carol	Blackman	Teen Parent Co-op

Connie	Edwards	Tender Hearts Daycare
Pamela	Wofford	Tender Loving Care Academy
Jeannie	Arnett	The Children's Home
Paula	Love	The Children's House
Phyllis	Rardon	The Construction Zone Day Care
Joan	Clark	The Fun House
Antoinette	Shellabarger	The Goddard School
Priscilla	Bruce	The Miracle Zone
Allison	Stumler	The Miracle Zone
Machell	Burse-Walden	The Pride and Joy Christian Academy
Gretchen	Winebrenner	The Teaching Tree
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Patricia	Barbee	Tiggers Toybox Daycare
Carol	Wittenmyer	TLC Daycare
Tonya	Gillum	Tonya's Tag-A-Longs
Benita	Carpenter	Tots & Toys Day Care, Inc. #2
Nancy	Carpenter	Tots and Toys Day Care
Marla	Gardner	Toyota Children's Center
Dawn	Allen	TRI CAP
Trina	Glenn	Trina Glenn - A Starting Place Daycare
Tranise	Peterson	Twinkle Star Enrichment Center
Jamie	Newcomer	Union Center Church of the Bretheren
Susan	Bunch	Union Hospital, Inc.
Lora	Howard	Union Hospital, Inc.
Darlene	Wills	United Child Care Center, Inc.
Tina	Guthrie	United Day Care Center
Kylene	Swackhamer	United Day Care Center
Janet	McKinney	Valley Day Care, Inc.
Heather	Hunt	Warsaw Wesleyan Church
Sherri	Hurley	Warsaw Wesleyan Church
Cynthia	Luke	Wee Care Child Development, Inc.
Bertha	Page	Wee Care Child Development, Inc.
Kathy	Collins	Westminister Presbyterian Preschool
Chad	Hacker	WICAA-Western Indiana Community Action Agency
Barbara	Branigan	Wing Walkers, The Lilly Child Development Center
Keyanna	Dortch	Woodland Child Dev. Center, Inc.
Crystal	Galbreath	Woodland Child Dev. Center, Inc.
Nicole-Noel	Pramuk	Woodland Child Dev. Center, Inc.
Maria	Ramirez	Woodland Child Dev. Center, Inc.
Sandra	Rosas	Woodland Child Dev. Center, Inc.
Kimberly	Wilson	Woodland Child Dev. Center, Inc.
Stacey	Turchany	World of Rainbows
Monica	Brown	YMCA Child Care Development Center
Katie	Carroll	YMCA Child Care Development Center

Jennifer	Davis	YMCA Child Care Development Center
Anita	Keeney	YMCA Child Care Development Center
Elizabeth	Lawson	YMCA Child Care Development Center
Denise	Goodman	YMCA Kids World
Eva	Carson	Youth Family Community Renewal (YFCR)

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## Recognizing Recipients

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA has found that the most successful scholarship recipients are those who have high levels of support. This is especially true for the recipient who has never taken any college courses before. The success of the recipient is critical to the quality of an early childhood program because confident, knowledgeable teachers make for great classrooms! Administrators and directors can get the most out of their sponsorship by encouraging recipients in their efforts.

The following are some ways to recognize T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA scholarship recipients:

- Send a press release to your local paper (T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA can provide samples).
- Put an announcement in local agency newsletters, such as those published by Resource and Referrals, community groups, or faith organizations.
- Announce the recipient's scholarship award at a parent, staff, or board meeting.
- Work with staff to produce a "teacher tips" wall in the break room. Be sure to ask the recipient to include some of the teaching strategies he or she has been learning.
- Let the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children know about compelling personal stories. Contact the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children when recipients have reached a milestone, such as earning an award or recognition from the school, getting all A's, or graduating.
- Ask a long-standing recipient to mentor to a new recipient. This will ease the anxiety of the new recipient while making the other feel valued.
- Point out to the recipient how his or her classroom has improved. Be sure to give specific examples of the improvements. Take the time to say, "Great job!"



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## Ten Ways to Thank a Sponsor

Every program administrator or director who sponsors an employee in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA Project is not only making an investment



in the future of the recipient, he or she is making a statement that says "I believe in YOU!" As a scholarship recipient, you can thank your program administrator or director in these 10 simple ways:

- 1) Write a thank you note expressing your gratitude
- 2) Keep your sponsor informed of your grades, progress, and newly acquired skills and knowledge
- 3) Make improvements in your classroom that reflect what you're learning
- 4) Contact your local media and ask the education or human interest reporter to consider doing an article about your administrator and the program
- 5) If you've been involved in the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood<sup>®</sup> INDIANA project for a while, volunteer to assist a new scholarship recipient in your center
- 6) Invite your sponsor to awards ceremonies or other special events hosted by the college or university you attend
- 7) Ask your sponsor about his or her own experiences in the field
- 8) Stick with it! It's tough to balance work, family, and school, but it is worth it in the end!
- 9) Fulfill your commitment to stay with the program in accordance with your T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood<sup>®</sup> INDIANA contract
- 10) Invite your sponsor to your graduation ceremony!

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**Important**

**Deadlines**

**October 15**

Release Time Claims for August and September of the fall 2007 semester are due by the end of business today. **Claims will not be reimbursed if submitted after this date.**

**November 10**

Release Time Claims for October 2007 are due by the end of business today. **Claims will not be reimbursed if submitted after this date.**

Understanding the Claim Month:

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA contract states that claims are due by the 10th of each month following the claim month. A claim month is the month prior to the month in which claims are submitted (see table below).

Month in Which Claim is Submitted	for Claim Month
November 10th	October
December 10th	November
January 10th	December
February 10th	January

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### Teacher Tips: *When a Child Bites*

While one out of ten toddlers and two-year-olds bite, it is still a disturbing and potentially harmful behavior that parents and educators must discourage from the very first episode. Young children may bite for different reasons, and not all will respond to the same types of intervention. Identifying the kind of biter you're dealing with will help you develop an appropriate discipline technique.

#### **The Experimental Biter:**

An infant or young child may take an experimental bite out of a mother's breast or a caregiver's shoulder. When this occurs, adults should use prompt, clear signals to communicate that children must not bite people. "No," said sharply, would be an appropriate response.

Parents and caregivers must cooperate to prevent children from biting. Working as a team, educators and parents should identify possible reasons for a child's biting and respond accordingly. While early childhood professionals may be more familiar with positive discipline techniques, parents are experts on their own children's behavior. Take the time to look for patterns in the biter's environment and emotional state at each episode. Does the child always bite the same individual? Is the biter

**The Frustrated Biter:**

Some biters lack the skills to cope with situations such as the desire for an adult's attention or another child's toy. Even though the child may not have intended to harm another person, adults must react with disapproval. First, tend to the victim immediately. Then explain to the biter that biting hurts others and is not allowed -- the caregiver's job is to keep all children safe.

**The Threatened Biter:**

Some children, feeling they are endangered, bite in self-defense. They may be overwhelmed by their surroundings, and bite as a means of regaining control. In this case, use the intervention techniques already mentioned, and assure the child that his rights and possessions are safe.

**The Power Biter:**

Some children experience a strong need to be independent and in control. As soon as they see the response they get from biting, the behavior is strongly reinforced. Give the biter choices throughout the day and reinforce positive social behavior (like sharing and saying thanks). If the biter gets attention when she is not biting, she will not have to resort to aggressive behavior to feel a sense of personal power.

immediately, but carefully. Teaching children age-appropriate ways to control themselves encourages the development of confidence and self-esteem. We can guide children towards self-control and away from biting. The key is understanding -- for adults and children alike.

Source: "Biters: Why They Do It and What To Do About It," Early Years Are Learning Years. National Association for the Education of Young Children. <http://www.naeyc.org/ece/1996/08.asp>

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