



# Annual Report FY 2016 / 2017



# Colorado T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood®

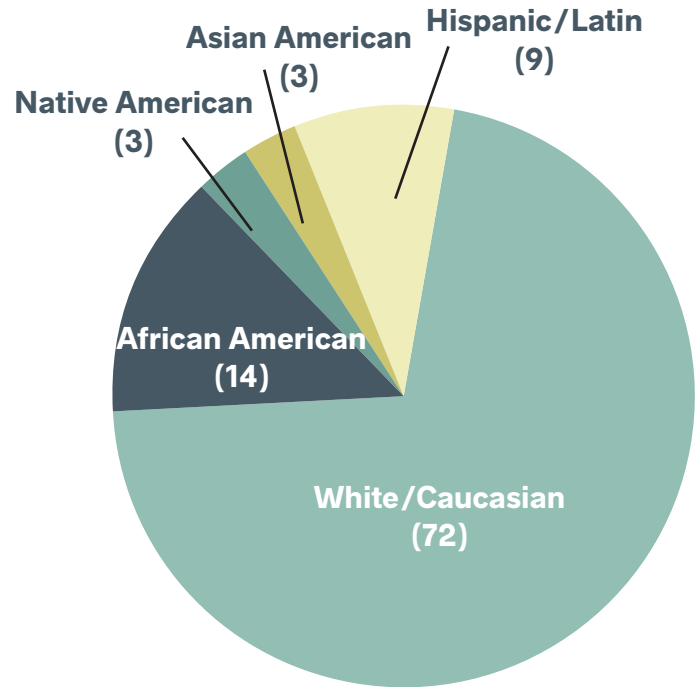
Our T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Scholarship offers early childhood education program directors and teachers a pathway to pursue higher education. We know that access to scholarships for ECE is a critical piece to a successful professional development pathway.

Early care and education teachers who have postsecondary experience have a better understanding of child development and are more sensitive to the needs of young children. In fact, Colorado requires licensed directors and teachers to have completed college-level classes. However, with low wages, teachers are frequently unable to afford college-level coursework and meaningful professional development. In Colorado, we have had a solution to this challenge since 1998.

Qualistar Colorado's T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® program is affiliated with the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center. T.E.A.C.H. covers 90 percent of college tuition and fees for continued education. T.E.A.C.H. allows professionals to attend college courses to meet licensing requirements, receive specialized training, and to earn associate and bachelor's degrees.

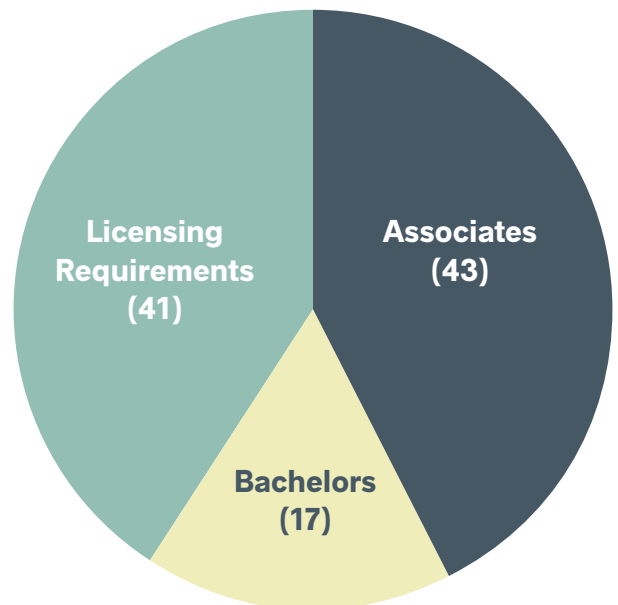
## Diversity of Recipients FY 16/17

(Number of recipients)



## Scholarships by Type FY 16/17

(Number of recipients)



Total Recipients Since 1998: 2,306

# THE IMPACT OF T.E.A.C.H.

*“My T.E.A.C.H. scholarship allowed me to concentrate on completing my classes and not worry about how I would pay for tuition and books. I would not have even thought about starting this process without having a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship.”*

*Taking classes on the college level has helped to re-excite me about what I do on a daily basis. I'm more conscious about what I'm doing and saying to the children and their families. I feel the families trust what I'm saying and doing because of my background and education. Family child care is often seen in a different view than centers. It was great being in a classroom with others working in the same field.”*



Carrie Kennedy  
Arvada

## FY 2016 / 2017 AT A GLANCE

**101**  
Recipients

101 ECE professionals received T.E.A.C.H. scholarships.

**6,611**  
Children

T.E.A.C.H. scholars impacted 6,611 children in Colorado.

**100%**  
Recommend

100% of participants and sponsors would recommend the T.E.A.C.H. program.

**4%**  
Turnover

Among T.E.A.C.H. scholars, the turnover rate was 4 percent, significantly lower than the national average of 33 percent.

**3.63**  
GPA

Among T.E.A.C.H. scholars, the average GPA was a 3.63.

**851**  
Credit  
Hours

T.E.A.C.H. scholars completed 851 credit hours toward their degrees and certificates.

Thank you to Qualistar's T.E.A.C.H. Advisory Committee for its collaboration in ensuring every child has an excellent teacher.

Thanks to our sponsors who support Qualistar and T.E.A.C.H.

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Colorado Department of Education  
Denver Preschool Program  
Mile High United Way

*Qualistar Colorado elevates the quality of early care and education in Colorado by improving everyday practices of early childhood professionals and building safe, supportive environments.*

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