

Whether you are new to the field and want someone to cheer you on and support you in your first year of teaching, or you have been in the early childhood field for several years and are willing to share your wealth of experience, this is a great opportunity for you!

What is the Early Childhood Induction Project? This project bridges what you have learned in school and on the job. You will be linked to an early childhood mentor and higher education expert where you will participate in a community of practice and mentoring activities. This project is linked to the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA Scholarship Program. A T.E.A.C.H. scholarship will be provided to both the Mentor and to the Mentee to advance their professional development!

Both Mentor and Mentee Must be Indiana residents! Mentor and mentee might be employed in the same program!

- The Mentee may be a student in the last semester of an early childhood degree program or have recently graduated and are in the first or second year of full-time teaching. The Mentee may be working in a licensed early childhood facility, Head Start, or a public-school early childhood classroom and must commit to participating in the Induction Project including the Triad mentoring activities, community of practice, and creating a professional growth plan.
- The Mentor must be an educator who works in an accredited early childhood program, Head Start Program or an early childhood classroom in a public school. The Mentor must be committed to participating in the Induction Project including the Triad mentoring activities and community of practice. As well, the Mentor must agree to complete all required reports as well as their own professional development activities such as enrolling in course credit in early childhood education or comparable field.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA will support the Mentee by:

• Paying 100% of tuition (up to 12 credit hours per term), books, and travel through a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship, paying a bonus of \$500 for the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship contract completion, paying for NAEYC Standard membership, and paying registration for the Indiana Early Childhood Conference or Professional Development Series.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA will support the Mentor by:

 Paying 100% of tuition for 3-9 credit hours, paying a bonus of \$750 for the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship contract completion, paying for NAEYC Standard Membership, and paying registration for the Indiana Early Childhood Conference or Professional Development Series.

For more information, how to apply and how to be linked to a higher education expert, contact Mike Wiegmann, TEACH Advisor of Special Projects at mwiegmann@inaeyc.org



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