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Nationwide Higher Education Scholarship Program to Expand

The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Technical Assistance & Quality Assurance Center (the Center) has received a \$150,000 grant from the W. Clement & Jessie V. Stone Foundation to be paid over two years. The grant will allow the Center to help states strengthen and expand their capacity to implement the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® and Child Care WAGES® projects, which provide scholarships and incentives to help increase the education of the early care and education workforce.

“By allowing us to strengthen existing T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES projects and expand the projects into two new states, this grant will help us reach many more potential scholarship recipients. The more teachers we can help access education, the more our nation’s children will benefit. Educated teachers who know the latest in early childhood development and education are better able to help children enter school ready to excel and get off to a strong start in life,” said Sue Russell, president of Child Care Services Association.

Created and licensed by Child Care Services Association (CCSA), the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Project provides educational scholarships to early childhood educators in every North Carolina county and is licensed for replication in 20 other states. The Child Care WAGES® Project provides salary supplements to child care providers throughout the state and is being replicated in two other states. By awarding financial supplements to teachers who stay in one child care program and continue their education, WAGES helps to ensure that children are being cared for by qualified, justly-compensated professionals. The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Technical Assistance & Quality Assurance Center assists those in other states who are licensed to administer T.E.A.C.H. or who want additional information about providing T.E.A.C.H. in their state.

The Stone Foundation grant will allow the Center to: increase technical assistance and consultation to existing T.E.A.C.H. and WAGES programs; provide targeted trainings to states that administer T.E.A.C.H. on grant writing, advocacy and communications to assist in increasing the funding base; expand the T.E.A.C.H. and/or WAGES Projects to two additional states and provide comprehensive start-up training, assistance and quality assurance activities; and increase the information provided to the early childhood workforce on degree and certificate programs available in early childhood education through the development of state directories of early childhood degree and certificate programs.

Founded in 1958, The W. Clement & Jessie V. Stone Foundation is committed to providing disadvantaged children and young people the educational and developmental opportunities that will enable them to fulfill their potential. Their grantmaking programs in education, youth development and early childhood development are designed to tackle the problems children and youth face in obtaining an excellent education, accessing the skills that will serve them as they

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transition into adulthood, and experiencing quality developmental experiences in their earliest years. For more information, visit www.wcstonefnd.org.

Founded in 1974, CCSA is a nationally accredited nonprofit working to ensure affordable, accessible, high-quality child care for all children and families. The organization accomplishes its mission through direct services, research and advocacy. In addition to higher education scholarships and salary supplements, CCSA provides a nutrition program for children in child care settings, free referral services to families seeking child care and quality improvement assistance to child care centers and homes. For more information please visit www.childcareservices.org.

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