

T.E.A.C.H. TALK

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A Special Message from Division Leadership

Highlighting our Administrative Support

Hello, I am Delta Farrington, senior administrative assistant for the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® North Carolina's Scholarship Program at Child Care Services Association. I have been employed with T.E.A.C.H. for 8 years and have seen the growth in our recipients on the back end of the program. I enjoy working with recipients and I love to witness their growth throughout the T.E.A.C.H program as they work on their professional development goals. I work with two other administrative assistants and we handle everything from application intake, preparation and mailing of acceptance packets and general information packets, preparing, organizing, and mailing financial payments and invoicing. We handle the incoming taxes and outgoing mail/correspondence and public information requests. We maintain all accounts payable and receivable and other special assignments, including statewide mailings, name and address changes, and payment plan arrangements. The administrative team is thrilled to have you as a part of the T.E.A.C.H Early Childhood® Scholarship Program and look forward to supporting your educational journey. Good luck in the coming semesters!



From Marsha Basloe, CCSA President



I am thrilled to be here and grateful to our Board and staff for the opportunity to lead CCSA. Although I am still very new in my position, I am grateful that CCSA was not new to me. I served as executive director of Durham's Partnership for Children from 2003-2010 and worked closely with CCSA meeting the needs of the Durham community and our region. As the executive director of the Early Care & Learning Council, the NY state CCR&R network of 37 agencies, I was in contact with the CCR&R Council through our membership with the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA, now Child Care Aware of America). As senior advisor to the deputy assistant secretary of the Office of Early Childhood Development, I used to talk about T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® as we worked on the early childhood career pathways efforts. I've often turned to T.E.A.C.H. resources for information. I am excited to be part of this important work.

What's New

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC is proud to announce two new scholarships!

- Are you working 30 hours or more a week in a licensed child care facility in NC that is unwilling to sponsor employees on a T.E.A.C.H. scholarship? If so, we have a new scholarship that can help you. Please contact us at 919-967-3272.
- Also, starting in Fall 2018, UNC-Greensboro will offer a new Leadership in Infant and Toddler Learning (LITL) Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program to 15 early educators and system specialists. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® NC is now offering a scholarship for this program to people admitted to UNC-G's certificate program.



Semester Reminders

- Registration for Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 is happening now.
- Send us your Spring 2018 grades or an unofficial transcript.
- If you completed your degree program, send us a copy of the actual degree.
- Checks from us can take up to 8-12 weeks to be mailed out.
- When authorization for class is secured it is sent directly to your college. You will receive a copy in your personal email if provided.
- Submit a new pre-authorization form if you change a class.
- Inform us if you change your username or password for your on-line school portal.
- Send a copy of your class schedule and contract addendum to request your Summer 2018 stipend (T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Associate Scholars model only).
- Send in tuition and book receipts as soon as possible. You do not have to wait until the end of the semester.
- Sponsoring facilities, submit release time claims throughout the semester.
- Pay invoices in a timely manner. Past due balances can affect scholarship activity.
- Inform us of employment changes immediately.
- Submit current pay stubs with all information update forms.
- Send in proof of compensation received from the sponsoring facility.
- Notify us of any changes in your contact information to avoid delayed communications. This includes name changes.



Facility Spotlight

At A Child's World at Fairgrove, Inc. in Davidson County, we understand the importance of providing every child with an exceptional early childhood experience, and



we know that experience starts at the foundation with highly qualified, educated teachers. A Child's World is very grateful for the opportunity to take part in the T.E.A.C.H. scholarship program. This scholarship provides the financial assistance necessary for our teachers to further their education, without which they would not be able to afford to do so. T.E.A.C.H. has helped our teachers become leaders, building their confidence and self-esteem by helping them obtain a deeper understanding of the ever-changing field of early childhood education. After working in this field for 32 years, I have seen and felt the tremendous impact this scholarship has on our teachers and students. I have seen improvements in lesson plans and practice, improvements in parent, teacher and family communication, improvements in colleague communication and collaboration and better use of everyday teaching strategies.

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention how much the T.E.A.C.H. bonus helps offset the costs the center and teachers regularly incur as we work to make sure each class has the supplies and resources it needs to provide exceptional learning experiences. Without these two components, our teachers would not have a path forward for professional development, and we greatly appreciate the support from the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship program. We are all lifetime learners, and cognizant of our role in fostering the future of tomorrow, we will continue to strive for excellence in this ever-changing world with T.E.A.C.H. at our side!

--Rena McCaffrey, Executive Director

Did you know?

- Child Care Services has updated its website at www.childcareservices.org. Please check it out and click on T.E.A.C.H. NC for information and all of our applications.
- You can follow Child Care Services Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/childcareservices.

Recipient Spotlight

My name is Shirley Reynolds. I am a Pre-K teacher at Cottonwood Pre-Elementary in Lumberton NC. T.E.A.C.H. was there for me when I went to Robeson Community College for my Associate in Early Childhood, then Fayetteville State University for my Bachelor Degree, and finally when I went to UNC-Wilmington for my BK Licensure.

If it wasn't for the program I would not be a Pre-K Teacher today, because I would have not been able to afford school. Being a single mom, it wasn't easy, but T.E.A.C.H. made going to school possible. I cannot express how thankful I am for this program.



Congratulations & Acknowledgments

This section is dedicated to our Fall 2017 graduates. What you have accomplished is no small task. We are so proud of you. Take a bow!

Associate Degree Graduates

Adrienne Arnold
 Lisa Croxton
 Brooke Curington
 Tonya Glenn (Summer 2017)
 Kaylee Sides
 Cynthia Smith
 Kaylee Vranish
 Jessica Silveri
 Janet Yates

Bachelor's Degree Graduates

Achlee Alston
 Shanika Alston
 Wanda Hobson
 Arintha Latimer
 Delillian Muldrow
 Dawn Leath
 Tracy Lockard

Bachelor's Degree Graduates (cont.)

Najah Muhammad
 Lauren Wimmer

B-K License Graduates

Shirley Reynolds
 Patricia Wilson

Master Degree Graduates

Angela Burch
 Samantha Burks
 Karen Smith Jones
 Meagan McKinnon
 Wendy Partin
 Yashika Robinson
 Alexandra Shreve
 Takiyah Warren



Please note that the recipients recognized here have provided documentation showing proof of their certificate or degree prior to the date of publication. If you received your certificate or degree in Fall 2017 and your name was not listed, please submit documentation as soon as possible and we will recognize you in the next issue of T.E.A.C.H. Talk.

Your Voice Matters

The Power To The Profession initiative was first introduced last year in our first newsletter edition. We hope you have had a chance to allow your voice to be heard but, it's not too late. This is our profession and the national task force needs to hear from you. We encourage all early care and education professionals to do what needs to be done concerning the things that are important to and for the field. Who better to make policies and decisions concerning funding than the people who do the work every day? Please visit www.NAEYC.org/profession for additional information, updates, reviews, and discussions. The time is now!!!

Meet Your T.E.A.C.H. NC Team!

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Scholarship Counselor II

T.E.A.C.H. NC Team Member Spotlight

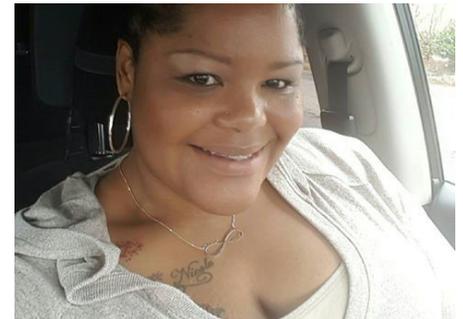
Counselor: Mildrienne Best

Position: Scholarship Counselor III

- Bachelor Degree in Child Development & Family Relations, North Carolina Central University (1993)
- Masters of Arts Degree in Human Services, Liberty University (2012)

Experience in the Classroom: 5 years

Years with T.E.A.C.H.: 18 years



Primary counselor for:

- Durham Tech Community College
- Blue Ridge Community College
- Southwestern Community College
- Tri-County Community College
- Western Piedmont Community College
- Appalachian State University
- Catawba College
- Gardner-Webb University
- North Carolina Central University
- UNC-Charlotte
- Western Carolina University
- Winston-Salem State University



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