## **TEACH** Early Childhood® Florida Scholarship Program

## **IMPACT REPORT** 2023-24

<b>\$11.1M</b> invested in TEACH Scholarships		4,956 total scholars including 1,137 high school, career, and tech students	
COMPENSATION	EDUCATION		RETENTION
<b>11%</b> average increase in TEACH scholars' wages	<b>22,370</b> credit hours taken		<b>94%</b> retention rate for TEACH workforce (Natl. Rate = 60-70%)
<ul> <li><b>1,868</b> participating programs</li> <li><i>including</i></li> <li><b>59%</b> for-profit &amp; small business owners</li> </ul>			<b>3.41</b> average GPA
<b>615,203</b> children benefiting since 1998 <b>FLORIDA</b> Detrech floren of the TEACH			

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## Thank you, legislators, for your continued support of TEACH

Studies indicate that early learning experiences play a crucial role in brain development. Data also supports the idea that prioritizing high-quality and meaningful early experiences is more effective than addressing behavioral or academic issues later with older children. TEACH Florida addresses these areas and more, by working to ensure that our state's early learning workforce has access to high-level training and professional learning opportunities, an affordable college education, and increased compensation for their work. This in turn, reinforces their commitment to remain in the early learning profession and with the children and families they serve.

This scholarship has made it possible for me to pursue my passion for Early Childhood Education. I am grateful for the opportunity to embark on my educational journey and make a positive impact in the world.

> -Cezelene Powell (TEACH Florida Scholar)

ECONOMISTS ESTIMATE A RETURN OF \$4-\$12 FOR EVERY \$1 SPENT ON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

**83%** of scholars were center or family child care educators

Since 1998, TEACH Florida has awarded over **72,000** scholarships to more than **47,000** scholars!

**94%** of employers report seeing an increase in knowledge and classroom skills for their TEACH scholars SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Citations for supporting research are available upon request.