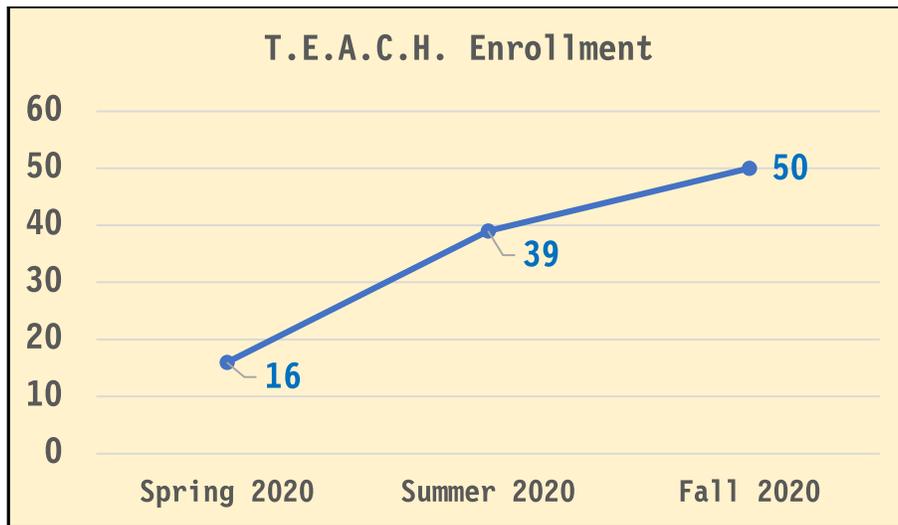


## T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS SFY 2020 Data

### ENROLLMENT

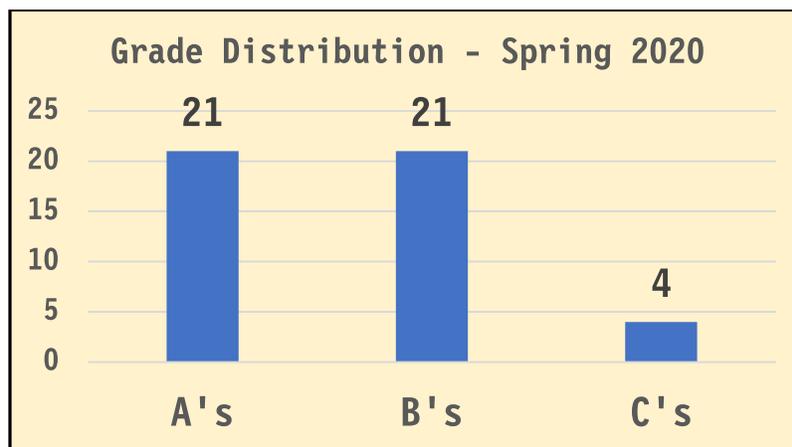
**50** students are currently enrolled for Fall Semester 2020.  
 Based on the current budget, the program is **91%** obligated.



### ACADEMICS

For the Spring 2020 semester, sixteen recipients completed a total of **90** credit hours with an average GPA of **3.37**.

(A grade of C was given for three math courses and one English course.)



## PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>REGION WHERE STUDENT LIVES</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>% of total</b>	<b>% of total CC licenses</b>
Southeast	2	4.0%	8.8%
East	1	2.0%	15.3%
Southwest	6	12.0%	13.0%
North Central	3	6.0%	5.1%
Northwest	19	38.0%	18.7%
River Valley	7	14.0%	10.5%
Central	12	24.0%	27.7%

<b>COLLEGE</b>	<b># students</b>	<b>% of total</b>
UA Fort Smith	14	28.0%
UA Pulaski Tech	10	20.0%
Northwest Ark Comm College	21	42.0%
UA Comm College Morrilton	1	2.0%
UA Comm College Batesville	2	4.0%
UA Phillips Comm College	2	4.0%
UAM College of Technology	0	0%

<b>BETTER BEGINNINGS LEVEL OF EMPLOYER-SPONSOR</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>% of total</b>	<b>% of total CC licenses</b>
Level 0 (Licensing Only)	7	14.0%	36.3%
Level 1	18	36.0%	29.1%
Level 2	6	12.0%	3.0%
Level 3	18	36.0%	31.7%
HIPPY	1	2.0%	n/a

<b>PROGRAM TYPE OF EMPLOYER-SPONSOR</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Center	46	92.0%
HIPPY	1	2.0%
Licensed Family Home	3	6.0%

<b>RACE/ETHNICITY OF STUDENTS</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>% of total</b>
White	34	68.0%
Black	11	22.0%
American Indian	1	2.0%
Hispanic	4	8.0%

<b>AGE GROUPS STUDENTS WORK WITH</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Infant	4	8.0%
Infant-Toddler Mixed	4	8.0%
Toddler	13	26.0%
Preschool	23	46.0%
School-age	0	0.0%
ALL	6	12.0%

<b>LENGTH OF TIME STUDENT HAS WORKED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>% of total</b>
< 2 years	4	8.0%
2-5 years	24	48.0%
6-10 years	7	14.0%
> 10 years	15	30.0%

## **Comments regarding the response of T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS to COVID-19**

In response to the coronavirus crisis, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® ARKANSAS put the following waivers in place to help students and employees maintain their educational goals during this time of disruption:

**Access Stipend:** Because all classes moved online in Spring 2020, we added an additional \$100 stipend to all spring recipients' scholarships in the month of April. This stipend was to be used to defray the cost of added technology to help access online classes (monthly internet service, mobile hotspots, etc.).

**Work Hour Waiver:** Many students' work schedules have been reduced or eliminated due to COVID, and there has been concern about their continued eligibility for the scholarship this summer. Therefore, we have temporarily suspended the 30-hour work requirement through the fall semester of 2020. All recipients were eligible for college aid during the summer term regardless of work hours. All Fall recipients will remain eligible as long as they maintain work hours of at least 20 per week. Students employed at programs that have permanently closed as a result of COVID-19 will be given through the fall semester to find alternative employment in child care.

**Increase in Release Time Pay:** To help child care employers with payroll costs associated with release time, we have temporarily increased the per-hour rate for release time reimbursement from \$11 to \$16 per hour. This amount was retroactive to March 1 and will go through August 3.

**Summer Stipend:** As an incentive to help recipients stay in their degree program during this time, T.E.A.C.H. added an additional stipend of \$750 for Summer I and \$750 for Summer II enrollment. (Most students do not receive aid like PELL grants in the summer so these stipends could be used for any household-related expense normally covered by PELL). We encouraged students to consider ongoing technology needs like laptops and tablets in case fall classes continued to be delivered online.