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A Workforce Registry is Coming to Tennessee

By Lin Venable

The Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) statewide management office at Tennessee State University has served as a program focused on raising the quality of child care in the state by providing quality training and supporting attainment of professional certificates and degrees for almost 25 years. During that time, TECTA has maintained a database of participants who have received financial and administrative support within each degree program and training initiative. The database serves as a significant repository of statistics and details regarding the professional development of the early childhood workforce within Tennessee who have received TECTA training, higher education, and/or completed training through the Tennessee Child Care Online Training System (TCCOTS).

Today, Tennessee State University has the opportunity to collaborate with the Tennessee Department of Human Services to unite data from existing records into a new system known as the Workforce Registry. The Workforce Registry project will produce an integrated



data set that will serve as a repository of current statewide trainings and trainer information that links with licensing information, improvement data, and meets Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program requirements.

Many states have already developed early childhood and afterschool workforce registries that promote and capture data regarding the professional development and career advancement of their early childhood workforce. Tennessee will be joining these other states in this work to recognize and honor the professional achievements of the early childhood and afterschool workforce. It is our hope that the information gained from the registry will support not only those working in the field, but serve to inform policy makers and partners of continuing efforts to improve the quality of care for young children and families in the state.

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Declarations from the Program Director

By Lin Venable

The Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) begins another program year supporting and promoting the key to quality child care and early education programs, i.e. the preparation of personnel with whom young children spend a significant portion of their time. We know that the complex range of knowledge and skills and the willingness to continue the learning that early childhood professionals must possess makes a difference for young children. The training and tuition scholarships to pursue early childhood credentials or degrees that TECTA is able to provide helps place early childhood professionals on a trajectory for their own success as well as influence each child's pathway for success in school and in life.

TECTA is proud to provide additional Orientation classes, scholarship support toward Child Development Associate (CDA) applications, and tuition assistance to those who are entering college to pursue credentials and degrees this program year. Additionally, we are expanding the Tennessee Child Care Online Training System (TCCOTS) to include more training opportunities.



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As the Statewide Interim Program Director, please contact me directly if you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding TECTA services or supports at lvenable@tnstate.edu or 615-277-1659.

TECTA Celebrates 25 Years of Service in Tennessee

By Dr. Celeste Brown

2017 marks the 25th year of the TECTA program providing professional development and training to child care providers in Tennessee.



Traditionally, a 25-year anniversary is celebrated as the Silver Jubilee. Throughout the years, the TECTA program has strived to reshape child care from a simple vocation into a professional career through higher education attainment and expert training. TECTA has also served as an advocate for quality across the nation

and have shared our methods and best practices with other states. Over the years, our training methods have evolved as well and we now offer a full-suite of online training options that are up to date with the latest program rules and regulations.

Join us as we celebrate our Silver Jubilee at TECTA sites and at our statewide events. We hope you are as excited as we are about this major milestone in the pursuit of quality child care for all children.

Looking for Training? Join Over 30,000 Individuals Who Have Completed Training with TCCOTS

By Lin Venable

Visit www.tccots.com and www.tnelds-training.com!

This program year began with the launch of a new *Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma* online training and renewal of the training topics within the *Before You Begin* modules. Both of these training modules provide extensive health and safety training on topics required by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program regulations.

The reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also resulted in the addition of training requirements for child care providers. As a result, TCCOTS has included additional topics in the *Before You Begin for Child Care Providers* and *Before You Begin for School Age* training modules. These modules now include all the required material, with the exception of Child First Aid and CPR. The inclusion of the additional topics has provides the hours of credit required through training.



Visit the TCCOTS training modules at www.tccots.com.

Additional training will be coming soon! Visit the websites frequently to look for new training modules. Because some development takes place on the active site, you may see new titles appear that inform you to STOP prior to continuing on to the next page. Please stop and return to the site at a later date. Once the STOP sign is removed a training certificate can be earned. Until the STOP sign is removed the training is not available for training credit. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

TECPAC: Register Now for the Spring 2017 Academy

By Zora Bates

Child care program administrators still have time to register for the Spring 2017 Administrator Academy. The deadline for registration is January 13, 2017. The academy begins on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. The Administrator Credential can be earned in one semester. You can download a TECPAC Eligibility Application from www.tecta.info or contact Zora Bates at zbates@tnstate.edu or 615-277-1636. If you have any questions please contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you in the next Academy!



TCCOTS Updates: New *Before You Begin* Module

By Lisa Walsh

TECTA was contracted to modify the *Before You Begin* training module based on Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) recommended training topics for the TCCOTS training system. While the content already explored major CCDBG topics, the updating provided an opportunity to verify that the training was current and informed the public and child care providers on relevant child care topics. *Before You Begin: New Caregiver and School-Age* content was updated in the “Health and Safety” sections to include information on:

- The prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization) and the establishment of a grace period that allows homeless children and children in foster care to receive services while their families (including foster families) are taking any necessary action to comply with immunization and other health and safety requirements

- Prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and use of safe sleeping practices information with clarifications based on information shared by DHS to providers
- The administration of medications, consistent with parental consent
- Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies
- Injuries and the handling and storage of hazardous waste information

New content was added relating to the prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions. Once the module was updated and the new content introduced, a time analysis indicated that an increase in training time was necessary to reflect the additional time required to complete the module. Once successfully completed, *Before You Begin: New Caregivers* and *Before You Begin: New School Age Caregivers* modules offer 4.5 hours and 4.0 hours of training respectively.

Before You Begin: New School-Age
Caregivers - 4 HR Training



Before You Begin: New Caregivers-
4.5 HR Training



Family Child Care Marketing- 2 HR
Training



Family Child Care Record Keeping-
2 HR Training



Administration for Child Care Centers -
Intermediate- 2 HR Training



Family Child Care Contracts and
Policies- 2 HR Training



Brain Development Intermediate- 2
HR Training



Inclusion- 2 HR Training



Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive
Head Trauma - 2 HR Training



Gold Sneaker - 2 HR Training



Brain Development Advanced- 2 HR
Training



Promoting Social and Emotional
Development - 3 HR Training



New content has been added to both *Before You Begin* TCCOTS modules.

TECTA at DSCC Celebrates 25 Years in Gibson County



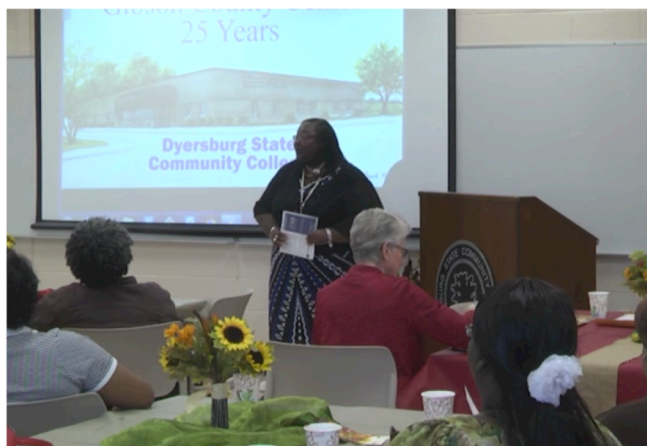
TECTA student Cleo Williams-Turner spoke about returning to college after turning 60.

By Dr. Celeste Brown

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) hosted a reception to celebrate the 25th anniversary of its DSCC Gibson County Center and the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) program Friday, November 4, 2016. The DSCC Gibson County Center is located in Trenton, Tennessee and has been a home to the DSCC TECTA site since 1994.

At one time, the average age of all the students was 30 years old. This focus on educating adults was best exemplified by Cleo Williams-Turners, a TECTA-supported student majoring in Early Childhood. Ms. Williams-Turner regaled the group with highlights from her personal experience of returning to college after the age of 60. She was appreciative of the TECTA scholarship that allowed her to take a smaller course load over a longer period of time.

Valerie Williams, the Director of the Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences, spoke on behalf of Tennessee State University and the statewide TECTA management office. DSCC has been a partner and delivering approximately \$6.5 million in workforce development funding through the TECTA program. The Center has worked since 1995 to manage six Early Head Start programs in the region, with two located in Gibson County, with educational support from DSCC.



Above: COELS Director Ms. Valerie Williams spoke about TSU's partnership with DSCC in workforce development in west Tennessee.



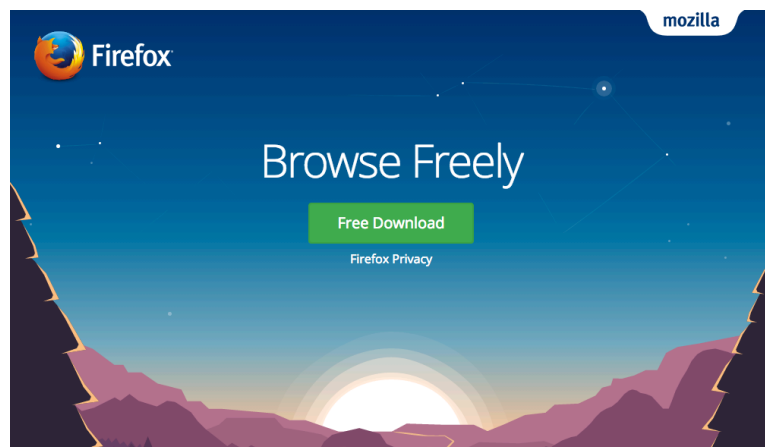
The staff of the DSCC Gibson County Center was recognized for their hard work.

Tips from the TCCOTS Helpdesk

By Johnel Anderson and Kim Crawford

Don't let the online training frustrate you. Here are some easy tips to make the process easier and user friendly:

- Make sure you have Mozilla Firefox and Adobe Flash Player downloaded on your computer before you start the training. This is the recommend browser for the online training.
- When downloading Mozilla Firefox browser, make sure you select the option “**Do not import anything**” after the download has finished.
- Do not use tablets or mobile phones to complete the training because they do not support certain features of the online training (i.e. Adobe Flash Player).
- Make sure you check your profile to see if your workplace is listed before you start the training. If not, go to ‘Profile’ and click on the ‘Employment’ tab to add your workplace.
- Please read the employment message on ‘Start Training.’
- When retrieving and printing your certificates, please use a Windows computer or laptop.



Download Mozilla Firefox and Adobe Flash Player before you start the training. This is the recommend browser.

- Also, this is a Windows OS based website. Please avoid using any IOS (Apple) operated machine or device.

We are here to assist you. You can contact us by email at tn-eldshelp@tnstate.edu or call us at 615-277-1696 if you need assistance.

COMING NEXT ISSUE: STUDENT SUCCESS

Every issue brings news and engaging articles about the TECTA program, trends in Early Childhood, higher education news, and more. However, our TECTA-supported students are the heart of what we do and the Winter 2017 Issue of The TECTA Times will feature the latest accounts of student successes through TECTA.

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
TENNESSEE
EARLY CHILDHOOD
TRAINING ALLIANCE

**WANT
A
CDA?**

TECTA site staff are here to work with you in obtaining tuition support as well as assist you in meeting the Council requirements.

Visit www.tecta.info to contact your local TECTA site for more information.

Earn a CDA the TECTA Way!

TECTA has an illustrious history that has yielded comprehensive training and educational opportunities to increase the knowledge and skill-base of those who work with young children.

Our 30-clock hour Department of Human Services (DHS) approved TECTA Orientation of specialized training based upon core professional knowledge in the field provides participants with an understanding of their professional role with children.

TECTA Orientation provides the academic gateway to the career lattice system of early childhood academic advancement in higher education. The initial Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential preparation courses also progress toward a Technical Certificate, and/or degrees in Early Childhood Education. TECTA provides additional CDA credential

support by hosting workgroups and providing scholarships for the credential application fee for each eligible participant.



CONFERENCE CALL

Mark your calendars for these upcoming conferences and events.

2017 Head Start Winter Leadership Institute

Capital Hilton
Washington, DC

January 23-26, 2017

<https://www.nhsa.org/event/2017-winter-leadership-institute>

Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)

68th Annual SECA Conference

Strategies for the New South:

Equipping Professionals for the Realities of Generational Poverty

Beau Rivage

Biloxi, Mississippi

March 8-11, 2017

www.southernearlychildhood.org/

National Head Start Association (NHSA) 44th Annual National Head Start Conference and Expo

Hyatt Regency Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

April 5-10, 2017

<https://www.nhsa.org/events-and-news/event/2017-annual-conference>

The Young Child Expo & Conference

Wyndham New Yorker Hotel

New York, New York

May 2-5, 2017

<http://youngchildexpo.com/nyc-conference/>

National Education of Young Children (NAEYC) 2017 NAEYC Professional Learning Institute

San Francisco, California

June 11-14, 2017

www.naeyc.org/institute/

National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) 27th Annual Conference

Creating Connections

Mobile, Alabama

July 19-22, 2017

<https://www.nafcc.org/Conference2017>

SAVE THE DATES FOR TECTA'S 2017 EVENTS

**TECTA Annual Higher
Education Institute
March 23-24, 2017**

**Ninth Annual TECTA
Summer Research Institute
June 17, 2017**

2017 Week of the Young Child

Second Annual Day of Play

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Clarksville, Tennessee

Wilma Rudolph Event

Center

1190 Cumberland Drive,

Clarksville, TN 37040

A Celebration of Our

Youngest Learners

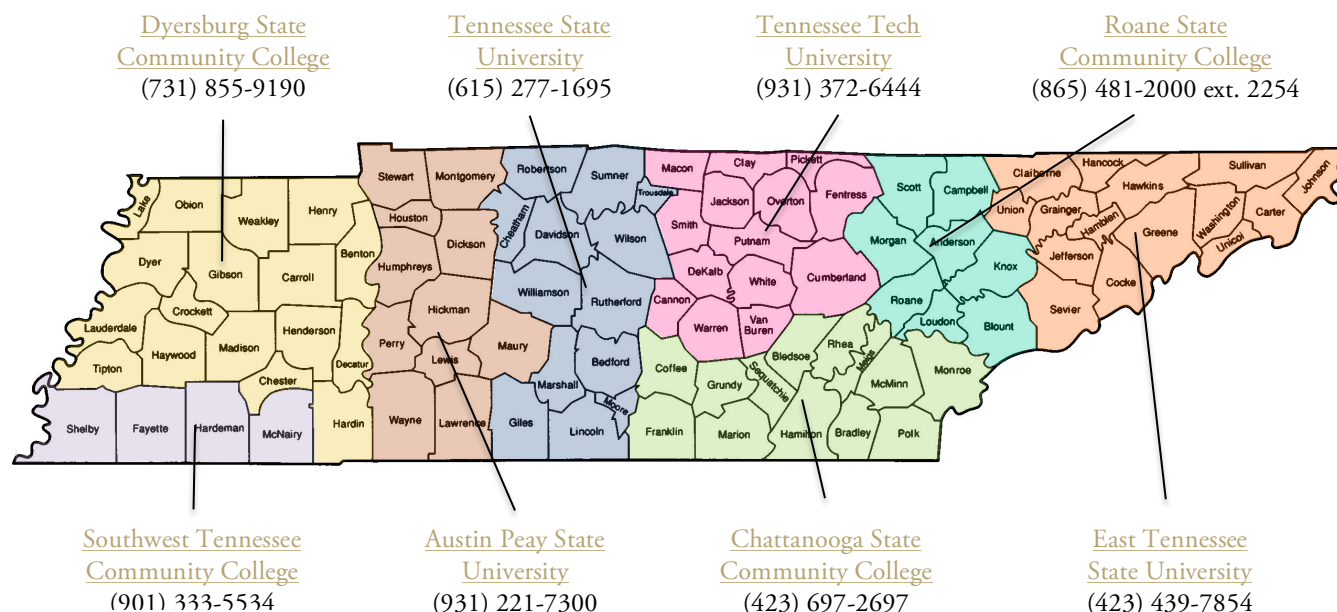
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Nashville, Tennessee

Tennessee State University

Main Campus

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The TECTA Service Areas

The institutions currently selected by the statewide management office to serve as coordinating institutions are:

<u>APSU</u>	<u>CSCC</u>	<u>DSCC</u>	<u>ETSU</u>	<u>RSCC</u>	<u>STCC</u>	<u>TSU</u>	<u>TTU</u>
Dickson	Bledsoe	Benton	Carter	Anderson	Fayette	Bedford	Cannon
Hickman	Bradley	Carroll	Claiborne	Blount	Hardeman	Cheatham	Clay
Houston	Coffee	Chester	Cocke	Campbell	McNairy	Davidson	Cumberland
Humphreys	Franklin	Crockett	Grainger	Knox	Shelby	Giles	Dekalb
Lawrence	Grundy	Decatur	Green	Loudon		Marshall	Fentress
Lewis	Hamilton	Dyer	Hamblen	Morgan		Robertson	Jackson
Maury	Lincoln	Gibson	Hancock	Roane		Rutherford	Macon
Montgomery	Marion	Hardin	Hawkins	Scott		Sumner	Overton
Perry	McMann	Haywood	Jefferson			Trousdale	Pickett
Stewart	Meigs	Henderson	Johnson			Williamson	Putnam
Wayne	Monroe	Henry	Sevier			Wilson	Smith
	Moore	Lake	Sullivan				Van Buren
	Polk	Lauderdale	Unicoi				Warren
	Rhea	Madison	Union				White
	Sequatchie	Obion	Washington				
		Tipton					
		Weakley					

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