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Not only do I receive a TEACH scholarship towards my Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education at University of Michigan Dearborn, I have teaching staff at the center I am the director of receiving TEACH scholarship dollars to earn their CDA and/or AA. For those of us in early education that are passionate about seeing this field become more professional, continuing education, particularly at the graduate and doctoral level is essential to that goal. Working in this field isn't the most lucrative profession, without this scholarship I would not be able to pursue a masters degree while working as a center director, in this field or any other due to historically low wages. If the grant is reduced or eliminated, I will not be able to continue in the masters program. Without my masters degree, II will not be able to apply to the PhD program, I will not be able to implement and expand the programs I am working on that will provide opportunities for children, families and staff, and I will not be able to help my colleagues continue to improve this field that we love so much.