The early childhood workforce faces many challenges in pursuing post-secondary education. These challenges range from financial to personal, from higher education practices to learning self-advocacy, from inaccessible classes to lack of articulated degrees, and more. T.E.A.C.H. programs in 22 states in FY17, in addition to providing significant scholarship assistance, were engaged in helping recipients navigate these challenges and advocating for needed systemic changes. The charts below show the percentage of the 22 programs engaged in each activity. The expectations and guidance that the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center provides to the entire T.E.A.C.H. Initiative along with the states’ work make advancing the workforce possible.
The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center provides leadership in the early childhood education field to states across the country and to our nation's policymakers on the critical importance and value of an educated, well-paid and stable early childhood workforce to ensure the long term success of our nation's children in school and in life.