



## WHAT IS A CDA®?

“CDA®” stands for “Child Development Associate,” a nationally recognized credential awarded to early care and education professionals who complete specified training, pass an exam and complete an assessment. CDA® credentialing prepares early care and education professionals to meet children’s unique needs while nurturing their physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth. The distinctive CDA® Credential is the only nationally-recognized, portable, reciprocal, competency-based credential of its kind in the country. Those who hold a CDA often enjoy a career advantage over their non-credentialed peers.

## A CDA® CREDENTIAL...

...Empowers early care and education professionals with greater knowledge and advanced skills, enabling them to better meet children’s individual needs and enhance the overall quality of care and education.

...Is recognized nationally, enhancing career opportunities for the early care and education professional, no matter where he or she works.

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Indiana Non-Formal CDA® (Child Development Associate) scholarships help early care and education professionals complete the training and assessment necessary to apply for and earn the Child Development Associate (CDA®) Credential administered by the Council for Professional Recognition, Washington DC. The Child Development Associate (CDA®) Credential is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education and is the “best first step” on the path to career advancement in early childhood education.



*“I feel I’m a better early childhood professional because of the CDA class.”*

*-Indiana Non-Formal CDA Participant*

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I’M ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must:

- be a resident of Indiana who is at least 18 years old.
- be employed in a licensed, registered or certified early care and education setting working 30+ hrs/week in Indiana for at least 6 months.
- earn \$15/hr or less as a teacher/teacher assistant OR \$18/hr or less as an administrator.
- hold a High School Diploma OR High School Equivalency Diploma.

## WHY THIS TRAINING OPTION?

### EXPERT TRAINING

Receive 120 clock-hours of training provided by Indiana AEYC who has years of experience in providing the CDA® training to early childhood educators. The training includes assistance with the development of the Professional Portfolio, test preparation for the final exam and advising services through the completion of the CDA® Credential as well as options for continued education within the field of Early Childhood Education.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Receive scholarships which support a portion of the cost of the 120 clock-hours of training and the required books. Successful graduates are also eligible to receive a CDA® Assessment Scholarship through the T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA Project.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS

Receive guidance through each step of the CDA credentialing process from a team of specialists.



## WHO PROVIDES THE TRAINING?

Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children, Inc. (Indiana AEYC) is a nonprofit organization with a fifty-four year history of providing professional development to early childhood educators in Indiana. Since 2004, Indiana AEYC has provide CDA® administrative oversight and programming to early childhood educators in Indiana to successfully obtain the CDA® Credential. Indiana AEYC contracts with experienced agencies throughout the state to bring you the best CDA training available. Please contact Indiana AEYC directly for the class location nearest you.

Find out more and apply today! Visit [www.iaeyc.org](http://www.iaeyc.org) and click **Indiana Non Formal CDA Project**