



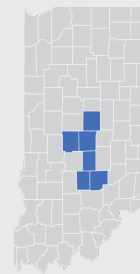
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### What is a CDA?

The Child Development Associate (CDA) national credential is a key stepping stone for those seeking a career in early childhood education. Granted and administered by the Council for Professional Recognition, it is the most widely recognized credential in the early childhood field.

Proudly serving the counties of:



- Bartholomew
- Brown
- Hamilton
- Hendricks
- Johnson
- Marion

### What does the Council require to grant a CDA?



120 clock hours of formal training in specific areas



Portfolio



Observation assessments: family questionnaires & verification visit



High School Diploma



Online Exam



480 clock hours of direct work with children

### How can Child Care Answers help you with your CDA?



We offer the following services. Learn more on side two of this brochure!



Free phone and email support for your CDA questions



Portfolio support



CDA Face-to-Face Courses



Renewal reviews



CDA Face-to-Face Courses PLUS Mentoring



Assignment of Professional Development specialists



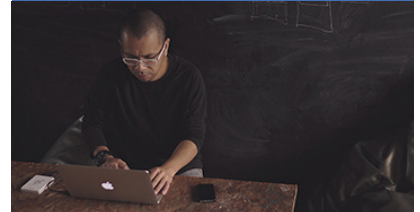
### CDA Face-to-Face Courses

- Portfolio support
- Preparation for online exam
- Guest speakers from early childhood education field
- Master-degreed instructors
- Assignment of Professional Development specialist for observation
- Public class dates/locations vary based on available funding.
- Packages available for programs to host their own classes.



Fees vary based on scholarships granted and package levels.

### What are my online options?



Our partnership with Child Care Aware of America® Training Academy offers an online CDA program for \$299. No scholarships are available for these online classes. See our website for more details.



### CDA Face-to-Face Courses PLUS Mentoring

- All of the above face-to-face course features are included
- Also includes on-the-job mentoring with an early childhood expert who participates in reflective dialogue with problem settings, goal setting, and career planning/guidance



Fees vary depending on level of scholarships granted



### Group Portfolio Support

- *What is a portfolio?* A collection of resources and writing of your reflective competency statements.
- *What do we provide?* Early childhood expert/CDA instructor facilitates meetings and assignments, assists with application to the Council, and provides onsite support at the group's preferred location. Materials provided include required competency standards book and all binder materials (binder, sheet protectors, labels). Professional Development Specialist assignment also included.

#### Group Portfolio Support includes:

- *Six scheduled check-in meetings*
- *Minimum of four per group*



\$500 for group of four candidates, \$75 for each additional candidate



### Renewals

- *How long are CDA credentials valid?* Three years from the award date.
- *What do you need to do to renew your credential?* See [cdacouncil.org](http://cdacouncil.org) for specifics.



\$50 for recommendation letter for the candidate, review of training hours, and 1-hour observation