

HOME VISITOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE® (CDA) CREDENTIAL™



BENEFITS

It's a great opportunity for:

- ✓ National recognition of your competencies and skills as a Home Visitor
- ✓ Demonstrating that you meet Home Visitor regulation requirements

The Council's Home Visitor credential supports research findings that the quality of children's experiences in the first years of life are critical to their optimal development. Educating parents and adults about children's development and academic success adds to the positive impact on children in the home.

The Home Visitor CDA® assessment process is:

STRONG: It's based on the latest research trends and proven best practices

FAST: Home Visitor candidates manage their own timeline

EASY: The process is very simple and user-friendly



PREPARE & APPLY

Prepare to meet three eligibility requirements:

- 1. Education:** High school or equivalent (GED) and 120 hours of education in eight CDA® Subject Areas
- 2. Experience:** 480 hours of experience working in a Home Visitor program
- 3. Documentation:** Prepare a *Professional Portfolio*; when all requirements are met, apply

Once all requirements have been met:

- Create an account in **YourCouncil.org**
- Select a Home Visitor CDA Professional Development (PD) Specialist™ from your community or use the *Find-a-PDS Directory* in YourCouncil.
- Now you are ready to complete your CDA application, you may submit your application online (\$425) or mail-in a paper application (\$500).



VERIFICATION VISIT

Upon approval of your application, you will receive a "Ready to Schedule Notice" and have up to six months to complete the final assessment, the CDA Verification Visit®.

What is the CDA Verification Visit®?

The CDA Verification Visit is your final assessment conducted by the PD Specialist, who **Reviews** your *Professional Portfolio*, **Observes** you conducting one home visit with a family and conducts a **Reflective Dialogue** session with you. Upon completion of the CDA Verification Visit, the PD Specialist will send your results to the Council to make a credentialing decision.

The Council is committed to supporting Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) programs

The Council offers you:

- Dedicated staff to help you in your journey to earn your Home Visitor CDA® Credential
- Free webinars designed specifically to your own HS/EHS population and language needs
- Participation at local, state, regional conferences or the National Head Start Association (NHSA) Conference

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