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Brightside Academy Provides CDA Candidates Training in Philadelphia

Brightside Academy will recruit staff to be trained for and obtain their Child Development Associate (CDA®) Credential. Under the Council for Professional Recognition's CDA requirements, students must complete 120 hours of training in early childhood education and 480 hours of supervised training in the setting of their CDA Credential. Brightside Academy will also provide early childhood education classes for employees who are currently in the process of obtaining a CDA.

In addition, Brightside Academy has an ECE apprenticeship program where employees with a CDA can earn 18 credits (9 for CDA and 9 for on the job learning) towards receiving an associate or bachelor degree with a partnering Philadelphia community college.

"This a great opportunity to early childhood educators that will improve the quality of teachers, help our youngest students and serve their local communities. A great asset for early childhood education in Philadelphia," Valora Washington, CEO, Council for Professional Recognition said.

The Council will also provide Brightside Academy with best practices that sustain and grow quality early education programs, as well as jointly identify and sharing opportunities to expand this collaborative agreement with other early childhood education organizations within the state of Pennsylvania.

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ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The [Council for Professional Recognition](http://www.cdacouncil.org) promotes improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages zero to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings – Head Start, pre-k, infant-toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a non-profit agency, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing, publishes the industry leading training books and workbooks, including its *CDA Competency Standards* and *Essentials* textbook and workbook (2nd edition). www.cdacouncil.org

ABOUT BRIGHTSIDE ACADEMY

[Brightside Academy](http://www.bsaECE.com) is an early education and care provider with over 45 locations in PA and OH. Our mission is to provide all families quality early education access for children ages 0-12. Brightside Academy's curriculum promotes child development through the infant, toddler and preschool stages with the goal of preparing kids for success in school and beyond. Our before and after school program supports busy families with a fun, supervised environment, homework help, and more for their children when they are not in school. Learn more about Brightside Academy's programs at www.bsaECE.com.