

CDA® State Fact Sheet IDAHO



CDA® Credentials Awarded in Idaho:
3,067*

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Idaho:

Infant-Toddler **1,055*** | Preschool **1,871*** |
Family Child Care **112*** | Home Visitor: **36***

*Data since inception of the Council +/- .4% margin of error

Partnership

The **Idaho Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Family and Community Services. Through the Early Childhood Coordinating Council, they provide leadership and education and coordinate resources for Idaho's young children and their families. A priority area for the Head Start Collaboration Office is to work with local partners such as institutions of higher education and professional organizations such as the Council for Professional Recognition to assist in the development of and support for high quality career development opportunities for early childhood educators.

CDA® Training

- **ProSolutions Training - Idaho:** ProSolutions offers online CDA Training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, Family Child Care CDA, and Home Visitor CDA. ProSolutions also offers CDA Renewal Training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, and Family Child Care CDA.
- **Successful Solutions Professional Development CDA Training - Idaho:** Successful Solutions provides CDA Credential and CDA Renewal training through two Online Training Delivery Methods: self-study and Virtual Classroom.
- **Care Courses - Idaho CDA Training:** Care Courses CDA training program includes online CDA Credential Training and online CDA Renewal Training.

State Scholarship Opportunities

- **IdahoSTARS:** A joint project between the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children and the University of Idaho's Center on Disabilities and Human Development that offers CDA scholarships to cover the costs of CDA Assessment and CDA Renewal.

Meet: Jaynee Palmer – Idaho

Jayne helps young children deal with trauma. As coordinator of Hope Learning Center, she guides staff in providing care to about 30 children who are victims of sexual abuse or domestic violence. That takes experience and education, so it's good thing Jaynee has both. She began working at the center while still in high school about 10 years ago. Since then, she has earned a Child Development Associate® (CDA) credential™, an achievement that helps her make a difference. "Every day, I see the impact of my CDA training on my ability to work with children who face daily challenges in life," Jaynee says.

She has also taken steps to extend the benefit of CDA training to the educators she oversees. "Currently, four out of our eight staff members have their CDA, and our goal is for the rest to be certified soon," Jaynee says. And she's also increasing her own skills by earning an associate degree since she knows the need to learn never ends. "I'm always working to ensure my staff and I are up to date on all trainings," Jaynee says. "That gives her more hope of making an impact on children who truly need her care.

What is the CDA®?

The Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping-stone on the path of career advancement in ECE.

The CDA credential is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The Council works to ensure that the nationally transferable CDA is a credible and valid credential, recognized by the profession as a vital part of professional development.

CDAs have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDAs know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.

Earning the CDA credential has many advantages, including exposure to the larger community of early childhood educators. **Over 800,000 CDA credentials have been issued to date!**

Becoming a CDA is a big commitment, but one that creates confident practitioners with command of today's best practices for teaching young children.

Meet the Council

The Council for Professional Recognition promotes improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages birth to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings including Head Start, pre-k, infant and toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a nonprofit organization, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing. For more information, visit www.cdacouncil.org.