

CDA® State Fact Sheet

INDIANA



CDA® Credentials Awarded in
Indiana: **23,565***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Indiana:

Infant-Toddler **5,712*** | Preschool **13,346*** |
Family Child Care **4,155*** | Home Visitor **321***

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

Partnership

The **Indiana Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the Bureau of Child Care and overseen by the Division of Family Resources. Their mission is to ensure Head Start's participation in systems-integration strategies to benefit low-income children and families by means such as helping build early childhood systems and enhancing access to comprehensive services and support. 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 - Indiana:** ProSolutions offers online training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, Family Child Care CDA, and Home Visitor CDA, and for CDA Renewal.
- **Care Courses - Indiana CDA Training:** Care Courses CDA training program includes online CDA Credential Training and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **Successful Solutions Professional Development CDA Training:** Successful Solutions offers two Online Training Delivery Methods: self-study and Virtual Classroom. **Indiana** Child Care Courses Options include CDA Credential, CDA Competency, and CDA Renewal training.

State Scholarship Opportunities

Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (INAEYC): The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® INDIANA CDA Assessment Scholarships are awarded by INAEYC. Scholarship opportunities include CDA® Assessment and/or Renewal, Career and Technical Education/Vocational High School CDA® Assessment,

and CDA Process at Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana. The Scholarship covers 90% of the CDA® Assessment Fee and a bonus upon receipt of the CDA® Credential. The bonus is not applicable for Career and Technical Education/Vocational High School Students.

Meet: Stephanie Chavez - Indiana

Stephanie has a special bond with the children and families she serves at Shining Stars Childcare home in East Chicago. And she began honing her gift for working with young learners while she wasn't much more than a child. "I've always had a passion for teaching children," she recalls. "I come from a family with seven kids, and as the second eldest, I had to learn how to care for children at an early age."

Her commitment to kids would lead her to work as a substitute teacher while getting a college degree, the first in her family. She has BA in elementary education, as well as a Child Development Associate® (CDA) credential™, which quipped her to open her family child care home.

One day she hopes to open a child care center, where she can pursue her mission with more young learners. Her life goal is "to mold the minds of children so they can thrive." And the CDA has given her the training she needs to succeed. "The CDA," she says, "showed me how to provide the children and families I serve with a ton of support from the moment I started my child care home to the present day."

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. **Close to one million 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.