

CDA® State Fact Sheet KANSAS



CDA® Credentials Awarded in
Kansas: **7,189***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Kansas:

Infant-Toddler **1,752** | Preschool **4,373** |
Family Child Care **803** | Home Visitor **262**

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

Partnership

The **Kansas Head Start Collaboration Office** is located in the Department for Children and Families. Their mission is to create a visible collaborative presence for Head Start at the state level while assisting in the development of significant public and private partnerships. These partnership initiatives support and enhance the capacity of early childhood programs and improve the opportunities that affect low-income children and 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 - Kansas:** ProSolutions offers online training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, Family Child Care CDA, and Home Visitor CDA, and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **Care Courses - Kansas 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. **Kansas** Child Care Courses Options include CDA Credential, CDA Competency, and CDA Renewal training.

Meet: Debbie Karlstrand - Kansas

During more than two decades in the ECE field, Debbie has often seen the value of the Child Development Associate® (CDA) credential™. And she's helped many folks to earn their CDA as a Professional Development Specialist for the Council. "I was eager to become a PD Specialist," she says, "because I wanted to be a highly qualified resource for individuals seeking their CDA."

So, Debbie has taken advantage of the many opportunities to learn more about the CDA credentialing system through the Council's website, emails and online PD Specialist training. She has also attended conferences where the Council gave training sessions that gave PD Specialists new insights and updates on their work. "It was so helpful to get to interact with many of the Council's staff and to have the chance to ask them questions one-on-one," she says.

And the best part of learning more about her role, Debbie explains, is the impact it allows her to make. "Professionally and personally, it has been my honor to assist individuals who are working to obtain their CDA. It's such a pleasure to help people achieve their professional goals and to see the impact the CDA has on their work with children and families."

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.