

## CDA® State Fact Sheet **NEW YORK**



CDA® Credentials Awarded in  
New York: **40,520\***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in  
New York:

Infant-Toddler **12,228** | Preschool **21,386** |  
Family Child Care **6,485** | Home Visitor **434**

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

### Partnership

The **New York Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the NY Council on Children and Families, which is a unit of state government established to coordinate health, education, and human services agencies. The Collaboration Office has worked to link Head Start and Early Head Start with other early childhood programs to support low-income 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 – New York:** ProSolutions offers online training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, Family Child Care CDA, and Home Visitor CDA, and for CDA Renewal.
- **Successful Solutions Professional Development CDA Training:** Successful Solutions offers two Online Training Delivery Methods: self-study and Virtual Classroom. **New York** Child Care Courses Options include CDA Credential, CDA Competency, and CDA Renewal training.
- **Care Courses – New York CDA Training:** Care Courses CDA training program includes online CDA Credential Training and online CDA Renewal Training.

## Meet: Janna Rodriguez - New York

*"I want to be part of change, and I'm willing to do whatever it takes," says Janna Rodriguez, owner of Innovative Daycare in Freeport, New York. Her sense of commitment led her to start a family child care home, where she provides children with the tools, resources and support they need to build a brighter future for themselves—a goal that requires teachers to stay up to date on the best ways to serve young learners. So, Janna is constantly urging her staff to learn and take classes. "Any time you educate yourself, you are providing a service to both you and to the children," she says.*

*And Janna's commitment to keep learning led her to earn a Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™. "The CDA not only made me think about how I can support the children better but also about how I can do more to support my staff," she says. And Janna has expanded her reach as a staunch advocate for her field. Her dream is to see a national advocacy group for all early childhood providers, she explains. "Everyone must have a seat at the table if we are to make transformational change when it comes to our profession."*

## 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](http://www.cdacouncil.org).