

CDA® State Fact Sheet OREGON



CDA® Credentials Awarded in
Oregon: **8,170***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Oregon:

Infant-Toddler **2,617** | Preschool **5,104** |
Family Child Care **376** | Home Visitor **92**

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

Partnership

The **Oregon Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the Oregon Early Learning Division, which is part of the Department of Education. Oregon's early learning vision is that children arrive at kindergarten ready to succeed; that they are raised in stable and attached families; and that resources and services are integrated statewide for 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

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

State Scholarship Opportunities

Portland State University Oregon Center for Career Development in Childhood Care and Education: The Betty Gray Early Childhood Scholarship awards are based on Oregon Registry Step and pays the CDA Credential application fee for eligible recipients.

Meet: Amy Lovelace – Oregon

Amy has always loved children and teaching, so pursuing a career in early childhood education seemed like a natural course of action. She's been able to blend her two passions over the course of a wide-ranging career. She has worked as a family educator for the Children's Home Society of Washington, as an inclusion services advisor for KinderCare Education, and as an early childhood program specialist and regional preschool planning lead for Northwest Learning Hub before assuming her current role as a preschool content specialist with Oregon Child Development Coalition.

"My passion for supporting teachers has driven me to go above and beyond my job," Amy says. So, she also provides workshops and training on ways to address challenging behaviors and build relationships in the classroom. She hosts a book club for early childhood professionals on Facebook and guides teachers in earning a Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ by serving as a PD Specialist for the Council. Filling this role lets Amy share her passion for children and teaching with CDA students, she explains. "I want to help to help them develop their own areas of interest in ECE and cultivate their vision of what it means to be a professional in the field."

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.