

## CDA® State Fact Sheet

# SOUTH CAROLINA



CDA® Credentials Awarded in  
South Carolina: **6,559\***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in  
South Carolina:

Infant-Toddler **1,742** | Preschool **4,689** |  
Family Child Care **124** | Home Visitor **8**

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

## Partnership

**South Carolina Head Start-State Collaboration Office:** Located in the South Carolina Department of Social Services, Division of Child Care and Early Education Services. Child Care Services is focused on ensuring that children are healthy and safe in licensed child care facilities and helping parents access affordable quality care. 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. **South Carolina** Child Care Courses Options include CDA Credential, CDA Competency, and CDA Renewal training
- **Care Courses – South Carolina CDA Training:** Care Courses CDA training program includes online CDA Credential Training and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **National CDA Training – South Carolina:** National CDA Training provides Infant-Toddler CDA and Preschool CDA training using a scenario-based method. National CDA Training also offers training for the Infant-Toddler CDA and Preschool CDA renewals.
- **ProSolutions Training – South Carolina:** 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 and Funding

- **South Carolina (SC) Child Care Early Care and Education, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Scholarship Program:** Offers scholarships to qualifying recipients.

### 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: Gloria Holland—South Carolina

*Gloria has been part of the early childhood community for over 23 years. She has worked as a school liaison officer, substitute teacher, training and curriculum specialist, child development instructor and training consultant. Her long experience in the early childhood field has shown her that our early childhood teachers need dedication, experience and training to meet the challenges they face. So, she strives to help the teachers acquire the skills to perform with a high degree of excellence and expertise. As a PD Specialist for the Council, she guides new and seasoned teachers in earning their Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™.*

*"I am very proud to serve as a PD Specialist and be part of the Council's mission to promote improved performance of professionals in the ECE field," Gloria says. And her sense of passion comes through in workshops, keynote speeches and staff development trainings that keep her audiences engaged and entertained. Her students both young and old enjoy her teaching style, which is always interactive and playful. But the work Gloria does is a far cry from child's play. "I am committed," she says, "to making a difference in the early childhood community that I've belonged to for so many years."*

### 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).