

What is CDA?

The CDA is a competency based credential awarded to individuals who work with children ages birth to 5 years. It is a nationally recognized credential that enhances careers in early care and education. The YWCA Child Care Resource and Referral offers training courses for three types of CDA:

- ⇒ Infant Toddler CDA
- ⇒ Preschool CDA
- ⇒ Family Child Care CDA

Child Development Associate

This is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education and is the best first step on the path of career advancement.

The distinctive CDA credential is the only nationally recognized, portable competency-based credential of its kind in the United States.

CDA Gold Standard

The YWCA CCR&R CDA Training Program earned the CDA Gold Standard from the Council for Professional Recognition. The CDA Gold Standard is a recognition of excellence in early childhood education training.



Contact your local YWCA Child Care Resource & Referral to discuss your future and enrollment into the CDA program!

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Child Development Associate



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is your CDA resource in Northwest Ohio**



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Eligibility

- ⇒ Must be 18 years of age or older with an exception for junior or seniors enrolled in a Child Care Career Tech Program
- ⇒ Hold a high school diploma or GED unless enrolled in a Child Care Career Tech Program
- ⇒ Have 480 hours of experience working with children within the past 3 years (these hours can be earned while training hours are being earned)
- ⇒ Be able to be observed in an eligible setting



Application Process

Applications are accepted for the CDA training course during identified timeframes determined by the YWCA CCR&R. If interested in applying for the CDA training course, please contact the YWCA CCR&R office closest to you.



Why CDA?

Child Development Associates are individuals who have successfully completed the CDA Assessment process and have been awarded a CDA credential by the Council for Professional Recognition. CDA recipients are better equipped to meet the specific needs of children and work with parents and other adults, to nurture children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth in a child development framework.

Benefits of CDA

advancing your career | meeting
job requirements | providing
parents with piece of mind |
understanding developmentally
appropriate practice | increasing
your confidence

CDA Program

The YWCA CCR&R program consists of over 120 Ohio Approved training hours and is designed to support students throughout every step towards earning a CDA.



There are many advantages to the YWCA CCR&R CDA program:

- ⇒ Convenient class times and locations
- ⇒ Skilled instructors with years of experience in early childhood
- ⇒ Assistance with documentation requirements and preparing for CDA exam and verification visit
- ⇒ Opportunities to learn and network with other early Childhood professionals
- ⇒ Scholarships available