

# Your partner for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential™

The Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential<sup>™</sup> is the most recognized professional development benchmark for family childcare providers, center-based or school setting staff. The National Council for Professional Recognition is the administrator of this program and awards the CDA Credential to students that complete the program requirements.

This <u>CDA</u> session starts Tuesday, March 4, 2025 to Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

In our Syracuse office on 6724 Thompson Rd

The course runs on Tuesday and Thursday nights (and one Wednesday) for 30 sessions.

#### **Requirements For Registration:**

- \* Submit a completed Registration Form by February 26th. (see page 3 & 4)
- \* You **MUST** apply for EIP or CSEA funding as soon as possible. (see page 2)
- \* You MUST confirm your payment method to us by April 1st.
- \* Classes run each night on the schedule 6:00 9:00 pm. (see page 5 for full schedule)

#### What are the qualifications?

Individuals who earn the credential must:

- Be 18 or older
- Hold a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have earned 480 hours of experience working with children by the time the class is completed

#### What do I have to do to earn the CDA credential?

Candidates for the CDA credential must complete:

- 120 hours of education in specific topic areas (CDA classes apply)
- A CDA Professional Portfolio (the Portfolio is created in the class)
- Schedule a CDA Observation Visit by an approved early childhood specialist and take the CDA exam.

#### How we can help you!

Our comprehensive CDA program offers many advantages:

- Weekly classroom training conducted by a credentialed professional who works with your style of learning
- Assistance with seeking financial aid (through PDP or CSEA) and completing your application
- Offers the workbook, materials, and help to complete your CDA portfolio
- One-on-one personal assistance and support to help you successfully earn the credential
- We have approved early childhood specialists on staff you can request to do your CDA
   Observation visit

#### How much does the CDA course cost?

- The CDA Course Fee is \$2,500
- We require students to <u>pre-apply</u> using the EIP Award or CSEA grant before class start date.
  - If we see your name listed on PDP we will complete your registration and enroll you in the course.
  - If your name is <u>not</u> listed on PDP by start of class we will require a \$50 Registration fee to complete your registration. You will not be registered until this fee is paid. This fee will be applied towards the total course fee.
  - o A Payment Plan will be made for students who do not qualify for an EIP or CSEA.
- A completed application is required from all students. You can mail this or e-mail this as a PDF to <a href="mailto:ccs@childcaresolutionscny.org">ccs@childcaresolutionscny.org</a>. Your registration will not be completed until your application is received.
- We must have confirmation of your payment method prior to the course start date.

#### Financial assistance available?

- CSEA/VOICE Family or Group Family child care providers may qualify for full scholarship. To obtain your CDA number visit their website at: <a href="http://voicecsea.org/professionaldevelopment">http://voicecsea.org/professionaldevelopment</a>.
- EIP/PDP Scholarship funding may also be available through the **Educational Incentive Program**. For more information or to apply go to <a href="https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/eip.aspx">https://www.ecetp.pdp.albany.edu/eip.aspx</a>.
  - Create an account or use an account you have already created.
  - o Use your Username and Password created to enter.
  - You will need the Class Information listed below and you will be asked to submit Pg 1 of your
     1040 Fed tax form and pay stub to verify gross income and employment.
  - o Day Care Center Staff need the Center's License number and expiration date
  - o **Group/Family Child Care Providers** need a copy of their Registration/License
  - You are responsible to follow up on your EIP application for the status. If you have difficulties call 800-295-9616 for help.
  - When your submission has been approved by PDP you need to Accept the award in your account.
  - When Child Care Solutions sees your approved Award it will then be applied to your amount due.

#### Class Information:

• Training Organization: Child Care Solutions

Name of Instructor: Kris Kline
Start Date: March 4, 2025
End Date: June 18, 2025

• Number of Training Hours: **120** 

• Cost: **\$2,500** 

Secure your seat by registering and applying for EIP or CSEA funding as soon as possible.

#### Contact Information:

**Kris Kline** krisk@childcaresolutionscny.org, (315) 446-1220 Ext. 347 – for assistance with your application or applying for financial aid

**Pam Borreggine,** pamb@childcaresolutionscny.org, (315) 446-1220 Ext. 302 – for financial help or to make a payment.



## Registration Application Form for CDA Course March 4, 2025 – June 18, 2025

| Name   |   |
|--|---|
| Home Mailing Address   |   |
| City Z   | ip Code   |
| me phone Cell phone  |   |
| Email Address(An E-mail account is mandatory)  |   |
| What is the best way to reach you during the   | e day? WORK HOME CELL EMAIL (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)   |
| Are you currently caring for children in a hon   | ne or center based program? YES NO  |
| What type of care? (CIRCLE ONE)  |   |
| CHILD CARE PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE INFANT/TOD   | DDLER FAMILY/GROUP FAMILY CHILD CARE  |
| EARLY HEAD START HEAD START  | OTHER   |
| Program Name   |   |
| <u> </u>   |   |
|  |   |
| Work Phone   |   |
| What is your highest education completed?  |   |
| *Required* - Check all that apply:   |   |
| <ul><li>I have requested CSEA/VOICE funding;</li><li>My employer (listed above) will be cor</li><li>I agree to set up a payment plan for the</li></ul> | and will follow up on status.  ; I am eligible and my CCSI-CDA # is  ntributing \$ toward my CDA fee. |
| Mail this completed Registration Form to:  Child Care Solutions  | OFFICE USE ONLY:  |
| 6724 Thompson Road Syracuse NY 13211   | Date rec Amt  |
| -,   | CHARGE CHECK CASH Rec#  |

### **Understanding your Financial & Attendance Responsibility**

We want to ensure that participants are aware of and accept their financial and attendance responsibilities for this course. The CDA Credential and the EIP Award and CSEA Funding associated with this course are a personal award belonging to the participant; this means that the responsibility for payment is on the student.

Please read the following statements carefully then sign, date and return this form to us.

I understand that the cost of the CDA course I am enrolling in is \$2,500.00 and that I am required to apply for an EIP Award or CSEA Funding prior to start date so my payment method is recorded. I also understand that any balance due not covered by these funding sources I will be responsible for.

I understand that if I receive an EIP Award and/or funding through CSEA/VOICE and do not complete the course, I am responsible for all re-payments or balances due.

I understand that if I miss 3 classes, they can be given to me as a make-up assignment. If I miss 4 classes, I am required to do a one-on-one make-up with the instructor. If I miss 5 classes, I will automatically be withdrawn from the course.

I understand that if I drop out or withdraw from the CDA course after the third session I will receive no refund on my Registration fee or for fees paid towards this course. If I feel there are extenuating circumstances that caused me to withdraw from the course, I understand that I may appeal for consideration of a refund by contacting the Executive Director of Child Care Solutions.

I understand that I will receive, and sign off on, a Payment Plan agreement to pay back any balance due not covered by a funding source. In addition, I understand that if payments are not made per my Payment Plan agreement, I may not be allowed to continue the course, and that I will also not receive credit hours for classes attended.

I understand I will not receive my Letter of Completion from the instructor until full payment has been received.

| Name – Please Print | Date |  |
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## March 2025 CDA Course March 4, 2025 - June 18, 2025

| Course Name:            | March 2025 CDA Course             |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Hours:                  | 120                               |  |
| Instructor:             | Kris Kline                        |  |
| # of Sessions:          | 30                                |  |
| Times:                  | 6:00 - 9:00 pm evenings           |  |
|                         | Tuesdays & Thursdays (plus 1 Wed) |  |
| Day / Date of Sessions: |                                   |  |
| March 4 <sup>th</sup>   | May 8 <sup>th</sup>               |  |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>  | May 13 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup>  | May 15 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>  | May 20 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| March 25 <sup>th</sup>  | May 22 <sup>nd</sup>              |  |
| March 27 <sup>th</sup>  | May 27 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
|                         | May 29 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| April 1 <sup>st</sup>   |                                   |  |
| April 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Jun 3 <sup>rd</sup>               |  |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>               |  |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup>  | Jun 10 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup>  | Jun 12 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup>  | Jun 17 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| April 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>              |  |
| April 24 <sup>th</sup>  |                                   |  |
| April 29 <sup>th</sup>  |                                   |  |
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| May 1 <sup>st</sup>     |                                   |  |
| May 6 <sup>th</sup>     |                                   |  |
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