

All In For Kansas Kids



Strengthening Early Childhood in Kansas

WEBINAR MAY 4, 2022



WELCOME

- **General Updates**
- **Child Development Credential | KCCTO**

Webinar Agenda





SAVE THE DATE FOR
**PROVIDER
APPRECIATION DAY**

providerappreciation.org

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

#ThankYouChildCare

SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS ROUND 3

- Opportunity from Kansas Department for Children and Families and Child Care Aware of Kansas
- Rolling applications will be accepted March 1 – November 30, with up to 14 monthly payments available.
- This grant opportunity is **non-competitive**
- **The first opt-in is due by 11:59 pm on May 5th**

Workforce



BEYOND SELF-CARE: RETHINKING THE APPROACH TO TEACHER RETENTION

- Kansas Head Start Association virtual training opportunity
 - Who: Early childhood providers, education managers, coaches, center directors
 - May 9, 1-2:30 p.m. - "Culture and Retention Audit"
 - May 16, 1-2:30 p.m. - "Summer In-Service Preparation"
 - Details, schedule, agenda, cost and registration links in the chat

**Professional
Development**



HEAD START WORKPLACE WELLNESS ACADEMY

- KSHE partnering with Generation Wellness
- Is your organization looking for resources to support staff mental health and wellness?
- Self-paced two-hour online course that equips **Head Start staff** with 20+ strategies for less stress and more success.
- Available for completion through July 15, 2022
- Link in chat to access information and testimonials

**Professional
Development**



KCSL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TRAININGS

- Trainings available on several dates in May
 - Preventing Infant Abuse with the Period of PURPLE Crying
 - Making the Connection: Strong Families, Strong Businesses, Strong Communities
 - Adverse Childhood Experiences & Resiliency (ACES)
 - Darkness to Light Stewards of Children
- Qualify for child-care licensing hours
- Learn more and register at the KCSL website

**Professional
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Family Strong Grant Project



- Looking for Family Representatives in several SE Kansas counties to serve on the Family Strong Steering Committee
- Stipends for participation will be provided
- Email Dr. Kaela Byers kaela@ku.edu

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

- This training is a proven and effective resource that teaches lay people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in their community
- **The Governor's Commission on Racial Equity and Justice included Mental Health First Aid training in two of its behavioral health recommendations.**
- Upcoming Sessions held from 9am – 3:30pm
 - May 7 & 19

Workforce



EARLY CHILDHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS PANEL

- Webinars will continue to provide updates on the Panel's work.
- Meetings are the 3rd Friday of every month, 9-11:30 a.m. - Next meeting: May 20 - 9-11:30 a.m.
- Watch live on YouTube on the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund website ([Live Panel Meeting](#))
- *The Kansas early childhood system needs Kansans' engagement and input to work effectively.*
- *Contact Debbie Deere (ddeere@ksde.org) if you would like to provide feedback or comments to the Panel.*

**State-Level
Coordination**



REMINDERS AND NEXT STEPS

- Early Childhood Recommendations Panel meeting May 20, 9-11:30
- Next Biweekly Webinar – Wednesday, May 18
 - Let us know what topics you're interested in, or if you have information to share in the webinars or weekly emails.
- Children's Cabinet and Stakeholder Group Meeting, (June 3)
 - Register for Stakeholder Group meeting at the Kansas Children's Cabinet website: [Register Here!](#)

Early Childhood System



Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities



KCCTO [kuh-see-toe]

Vision

Every child succeeds.

Mission

To ensure high-quality early education and care through professional development and support for those who work with and on behalf of young children

Poll Question 1: Do you know what the Child Development Credential (CDA) is?



Child Development Associate® (CDA) National Credentialing Program

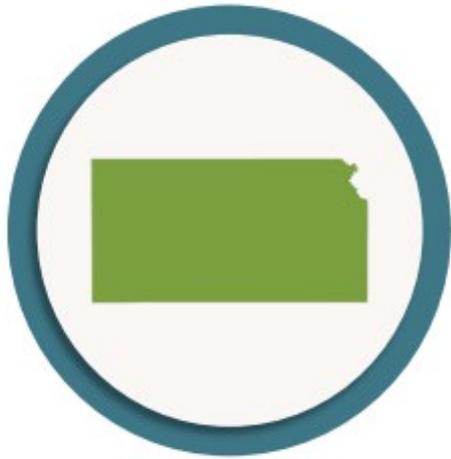


What is a CDA credential

WHAT is a CDA Credential

- The CDA National Credentialing Program is a
- professional development opportunity for early educators
- working with children ages birth to 5 years old
- to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities
- in the early childhood education field.

CDA® State Fact Sheet **KANSAS**



CDA® Credentials Awarded in
Kansas: **7,189***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Kansas:

Infant-Toddler **1,752** | Preschool **4,373** |
Family Child Care **803** | Home Visitor **262**

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

WHAT Makes it Valid

- The CDA credentialing program assesses Candidates using multiple sources of evidence, including:
- 120 clock hours professional development
- Professional portfolio with resources and competency statements prepared by the Candidate
- 480 hours work in the CDA setting (within the last 3 years)
- Exam
- Verification Visit – 4 hours: review portfolio, observe candidate directly working with children, reflection
- Requires renewal every 3 years and ongoing professional development (45 hours)

WHAT Settings

- **PRESCHOOL:** A center-based preschool setting is a state-approved child development center where a Candidate can be observed working with a group of at least eight children, all of whom are ages 3 through 5 years old.
- **INFANT-TODDLER:** A center-based infant-toddler setting is a state-approved child development center where a Candidate can be observed working with a group of at least three children, all of whom are under the age of 3 years old.
- **FAMILY CHILD CARE:** A family child care setting is a family child care home where a Candidate can be observed working with at least two children 5 years old or younger who are not related to the Candidate by blood or marriage. The setting must meet at least the minimum level of applicable state and/or local regulations. Family child care settings are also eligible in localities where there is no regulation of family child care.

Poll Question 2: Do you currently hold a CDA or are you currently working towards your CDA?



WHY is This Important

- HEAR IT FROM CHILD CARE PROVIDERS
- #1
- “I had been working with children for about three years when I was given the opportunity to obtain my CDA. During the process I was able to gain so much knowledge about all aspects of caring for children and catering to their unique abilities and cultural differences that I undoubtedly saw myself as not just a caregiver but as an early childhood educator. Obtaining my CDA has become a confidence booster and stepping stone to furthering my education. I have just completed my associates degree and am currently working towards my bachelors, two things I would have never done had it not been for the CDA!”
- #2
- “When I first started the journey to become a CDA, I did not realize how much I would grow and learn as a professional.”

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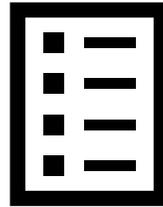
- #3
- “The CDA training was a plus when I interviewed families and I had evidence of specialized training; that set me apart from other providers. Furthermore, my passion for early childhood education grew, and I soon enrolled in college. I have an associates degree in ECE and a bachelors in Child Psychology, and I became an advisor for the Council of Professional Recognition!”
- #4
- “Earning my CDA was a rewarding experience. I would recommend it to anyone working in the child care field. And then they can say “WOW, I did it!”

HOW and CDA Support



Courses

Orientation to the CDA
Introduction to the CDA
Portfolio
Developing your CDA
Portfolio



Training Track

Course Scheduling and
Enrollment Support
Initial 120 Hours of
Training
Renewal 45 Hours of
Training



Technical Assistance

Planning for CDA
Applying for CDA
Variety of other Topics

WHERE do I go to Get STARTED

CDA Resource Center

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- KCCTO offers 3 CDA Training Tracks
- Center Infant/Toddler, 0-3 years of age
- Center Preschool, 3-5 years of age
- Family Child Care, 0-5 years of age
- Scholarship Track
- Paid Track

WHERE do I go to Get STARTED

CDA Resource Center

- Paid Training Track
- Initial - \$120
- (cost will increase to \$300 starting July 1)
- Renewal - \$45
- (cost will increase to \$100 starting July 1)
- Offered Supports:
- Comprehensive review of previously completed trainings by an approved CDA Professional Development Specialist (PDS)
- Technical Assistance call to help select courses that fit your interests
- Individualized schedule that is catered to you and your schedule



Now What

- 480 hours working in setting ✓
- 120 Clock hours of Professional Development specific to CDA setting ✓
- Portfolio Completed ✓

- Application Submitted to CDA Council ✓

NEXT

- Exam- 65 Questions
- Review, Observation, Reflection visit by your Professional Development Specialists

Professional Development Specialist (PDS)

What to expect during the PDS visit

- 1-hour- Review of the Candidates portfolio
 - Resource Collection
 - 6 written competency statements
 - Written Philosophy Statement
 - Reflective Dialogue
- 2-hour Observation
 - Observe candidate working as lead staff
- 1-hour Reflection & Goal setting

What to expect after the PDS

- PDS will submit scores within 48 hours of visit
- The Council reviews the results of the assessment and makes a credentialing determination.

Professional Development Specialist (PDS)

How to become a PDS

[Become a CDA Professional Development Specialist](#)

Scholarships

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Application Fee

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- You currently work in a licensed Kansas child care program serving any children birth to 12 years

Eligible Credentials

- FIRST-TIME CDA credentials (FCC, preschool, infant-toddler)
- RENEWAL CDA credentials (FCC, preschool, infant-toddler)



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Included in Scholarship

- TRAINING
- RESOURCES AND PORTFOLIO SUPPORT
- CREDENTIAL APPLICATION FEE
- *1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP KS EC ORGANIZATION

* renewal only

CDA program expansion is made possible due to pandemic relief funding from Kansas DCF.





Poll Question 3: How likely are you to pursue your CDA Credential after learning more?





Questions?





Thank you!

