



# Earn your CDA<sup>®</sup>



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The Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood will provide funding to support child care providers with obtaining their Child Development Associate<sup>®</sup> (CDA) Credential<sup>™</sup> from the Council for Professional Recognition.

## Who is eligible?

- Registered family child care providers
- Licensed child care center staff

## What are the CDA<sup>®</sup> requirements?

- Have a valid high school diploma, GED, or enrolled as a junior or senior in a high school CTE program
- Complete 120 hours of professional early childhood education (setting specific)
- Obtain 480 hours of work experience (setting specific)
- Prepare a CDA professional portfolio with all required documentation

For more information about the CDA process, please visit: <https://www.cdacouncil.org> or contact the Council at [cdafedback@cdacouncil.org](mailto:cdafedback@cdacouncil.org).

## What does the fund cover?

- \$425 initial online assessment fee
- \$125 renewal online application fee (This includes renewal amnesty\* applicants)
- \$33 for *The Child Development Associate<sup>®</sup> National Credentialing Program and CDA<sup>®</sup> Competency Standards* book for the following settings: Preschool, Infant-Toddler or Family Child Care. (Shipping is included in the cost of the required standards book)

## How do I apply for funding?

For more information on how to apply for funding, please visit:  
<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/CDA>

### Note:

\*CDA Renewal Amnesty begins January 1, 2020 and ends December 31, 2020. Anyone with a CDA credential dating back as far as January 1, 2010 can complete the Renewal Amnesty process and make their credential active again.