



Earn your CDA in 2020!



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

Who is eligible?

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

What are the CDA® 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

What is the CDA® funding application process? Candidate must:

1. Create an account in the YourCouncil online application system (yourcouncil.org)
2. Provide customer ID number from application profile to MSDE upon completion of application for issuance of payment voucher. Visit: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/CDA> for MSDE submission form.
3. Once approved by MSDE, an email will automatically be sent to the candidate(s) with their voucher number.
4. Candidates will use voucher number at check out to complete application within YourCouncil

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® National Credentialing Program and CDA® Competency Standards* book for the following settings: Preschool, Infant-Toddler or Family Child Care. **

Note:

*CDA Renewal Amnesty begins January 1, 2020 and ends December 30, 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.

** Shipping is included in the cost of the required standards book

For more information about MSDE funding, please visit: <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/CDA>

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