

CDA® State Fact Sheet NEVADA



CDA® Credentials Awarded in
Nevada: **4,761***

CDA® Credential Types Awarded in
Nevada:

Infant-Toddler **1,629** | Preschool **2,928** |
Family Child Care **96** | Home Visitor **28**

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

Partnership

The **Nevada Head Start State Collaboration Office** is located in the Office of Educational Opportunity at the Department of Education in Las Vegas, Nevada. A major goal of the Collaboration Office is enhancing collaboration and coordination between Head Start and other entities providing early childhood education and development services. A priority area for the Head Start Collaboration Office is to work with local partners such as institutions of higher education and professional organizations such as the Council for Professional Recognition to assist in the development of and support for high quality career development opportunities for early childhood educators.

CDA® Training

- **Successful Solutions Professional Development CDA Training:** Successful Solutions offers two Online Training Delivery Methods: self-study and Virtual Classroom. **Nevada** Child Care Courses Options include CDA Credential, CDA Competency, and CDA Renewal training.
- **Care Courses - Nevada CDA Training:** Care Courses CDA training program includes online CDA Credential Training and online CDA Renewal Training.
- **ProSolutions Training - Nevada:** ProSolutions offers online training for the Infant-Toddler CDA, Preschool CDA, Family Child Care CDA, and Home Visitor CDA, and online CDA Renewal Training.

State Scholarship Opportunities

- **Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Nevada:** Assists approved applicants with the \$425 CDA assessment fee.

Meet: Cedric Bell – Nevada

Kids can pick up crucial life lessons from shooting hoops. Playing basketball teaches children about teamwork, patience and cooperation as they have fun. And Cedric saw this while coaching basketball at the Boys and Girls Club in Las Vegas.

Acelero Learning, a local Head Start center, was right behind the Club, which led Cedric to have a life-changing encounter after working in several different fields. “I was coaching the son of the center’s director, who saw how good I was with children. She said, ‘You’d fit right in at Acelero. You just have to get your Child Development Associate® (CDA) credential™. So, I earned my CDA and I’m now an assistant teacher.”

Cedric always had a way with children, but the CDA training helped him up his game. “The CDA made me a better teacher,” he says, “by showing me why I was doing things a certain way.” And the knowledge he gained has allowed him to help more children score in school. “All kids need a little help, a little hope and someone to believe in them,” as NBA All-Star Magic Johnson once put it. Cedric is someone who gives them what they need. And that makes him a slam dunk for the early childhood field.

What is the CDA®?

The Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ is the most widely recognized credential in early childhood education (ECE) and is a key stepping-stone on the path of career advancement in ECE.

The CDA credential is based on a core set of competency standards, which guide early care professionals as they work toward becoming qualified teachers of young children. The Council works to ensure that the nationally transferable CDA is a credible and valid credential, recognized by the profession as a vital part of professional development.

CDAs have knowledge of how to put the CDA Competency Standards into practice and understanding of why those standards help children move with success from one developmental stage to another. Put simply, CDAs know how to nurture the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social development of children.

Earning the CDA credential has many advantages, including exposure to the larger community of early childhood educators. **Over 800,000 CDA credentials have been issued to date!**

Becoming a CDA is a big commitment, but one that creates confident practitioners with command of today’s best practices for teaching young children.

Meet the Council

The Council for Professional Recognition promotes improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages birth to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings including Head Start, pre-k, infant and toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a nonprofit organization, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing. For more information, visit www.cdacouncil.org.