

## Assignment 1a

### What is a CDA?

What is a Child Development Associate? A CDA is a person who is able to meet specific needs of children and who works to nurture children's social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth in a child development framework. A Child Development Associate has demonstrated competency to conduct a developmental program for children through a nationally recognized certification process.

#### **THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE CREDENTIAL:**

- Recognizes you as an early care and education professional.
- Is a nationally recognized certification process for the early childhood field.
- Verifies that you have attended much more than the minimum amount of training that is required for licensing.
- Shows that you've had a variety of training and that your training has been well-rounded.
- Gives you an advantage when seeking employment if you move to another area.
- Verifies that you have been assessed and demonstrated your competency working with young children. It means much more than a folder full of training certificates.
- Is a good selling point to parents who ask about teacher qualifications.
- Qualifies you for certain positions in many state licensing regulations.
- Gives you a collection of resources that you will use throughout your career.
- Provides the recognition that you deserve for the important work that you do.
- Gives you the opportunity to meet other early care and education professionals and work together on common goals.

