

Assignment 3b

Where to Get Training for CDA

Where can you get the required training to get a CDA? Check with your local Child Care Resource and Referral Agency. There is one in your area and they're ready to help you!

In the Northwest or Central Louisiana area you have two options. You –can attend face to face classes or you can take CDA training online. See the CDA Classes tab on our website for a schedule of CDA classes. If you want to take CDA online, contact:
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Make sure that the training you take will qualify you for the CDA assessment. Sometimes people take a CDA class and because they receive a certificate they believe they have a CDA. However, the CDA is only issued by the Council for Professional Development. If you have not been through an assessment, you do not have a CDA that will qualify you for the tax credit.

The CDA Council requires that the training you take be through an agency or organization with expertise in training and the CDA requirements.

Also be sure that you have someone who will serve as your advisor and help you with understanding the assessment process.

And remember:

The CDA credential is not awarded by a training program, technical school, or college. Although you likely will complete your training in one of these settings, the institution or organization may award their own certificate, but they cannot award the nationally recognized CDA. Only the CDA Council can do that after you complete their assessment process successfully.



No one can guarantee that you get a CDA. Receipt of the credential is based on an evaluation of your resource file, your observation, your skills review, oral interview, competency statement, and parent questionnaires.

