

CDA Training Content Areas

At least 10 hours in each of these areas.

<p>I. To establish and maintain a safe, healthy learning environment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safe: Candidate provides a safe environment to prevent and reduce injuries. 2. Healthy: Candidate promotes good health and nutrition and provides an environment that contributes to the prevention of illness. 3. Learning Environment: Candidate uses space, relationships, materials, and routines as resources for constructing an interesting, secure, and enjoyable environment that encourages play, exploration, and learning.
<p>II. To advance physical and intellectual competence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Physical: Candidate provides a variety of equipment, activities, and opportunities to promote the physical development of children. 5. Cognitive: Candidate provides activities and opportunities that encourage curiosity, exploration, and problem solving appropriate to the developmental levels and learning styles of children. 6. Communication: Candidate actively communicates with children and provides opportunities and support for children to understand, acquire, and use verbal and nonverbal means of communicating thoughts and feelings. 7. Creative: Candidate provides opportunities that stimulate children to play with sound, rhythm, language, materials, space and ideas in individual ways and to express their creative abilities.
<p>III. To support social and emotional development and provide positive guidance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Self: Candidate provides physical and emotional security for each child and helps each child to know, accept and take pride in himself or herself and to develop a sense of independence. 9. Social: Candidate helps each child feel accepted in the group, helps children learn to communicate and get along with others, and encourages feelings of empathy and mutual respect among children and adults. 10. Guidance: Candidate provides a supportive environment in which children can begin to learn and practice appropriate and acceptable behaviors as individuals and as a group.
<p>IV. To establish positive and productive relationships with families.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Families: Candidate maintains an open, friendly, and cooperative relationship with each child's family, encourages their involvement in the program, and supports the child's relationship with his or her family.
<p>V. To ensure a well-run, purposeful program responsive to participant needs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Program Management: Candidate is a manager who uses all available resources to ensure an effective operation. The Candidate is a competent organizer, planner, record keeper, communicator, and a cooperative coworker.
<p>VI. To maintain a commitment to professionalism.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Professionalism: Candidate makes decisions based on knowledge of early childhood theories and practices. Candidate promotes quality in childcare services. Candidate takes advantage of opportunities to improve competence, both for personal and professional growth and for the benefit of children and families.
<p>VII. To collect objective information about children in the program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Observation: Candidate observes and records children's behavior to better plan activities and procedures that best suit each child.
<p>VIII. To understand developmental milestones from birth through age 5.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Child Development: Candidate applies principles of child growth and development to the program while also considering cultural influences on development.