DID YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER EARNED THEIR CDA® CREDENTIAL? BUT, WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT? Take a look at the qualities of an extraordinary CDA educator, and learn what makes your child’s teacher a competent, highly-qualified early childhood educator:

1. **HEALTHY & SAFETY EXPERT**
   - Provides a safe environment for children to learn, grow and play. Teaches children about good nutrition and how to stay healthy.

2. **CHILD DEVELOPMENT ARCHITECT**
   - Helps children learn by exploring in a constructive, interesting, and enjoyable learning environment. Develops children’s motor skills and physical capabilities with age-appropriate equipment and experiences.

3. **BRAIN DEVELOPMENT WIZ**
   - Promotes curiosity, cognitive reasoning, learning through play and problem solving to lay the foundation for future learning.

4. **COMMUNICATION GURU**
   - Builds up a child’s communication skills through verbal and non-verbal methods.

5. **CREATIVE ARTIST**
   - Expands a child’s creative capabilities through music, movement, and visual arts.

6. **CULTURAL EQUITY SUPPORTER**
   - Develops a supportive relationship with each child to instill pride in themselves and their heritage.

7. **KINDNESS INFLUENCER**
   - Supports children in developing social skills and respecting others.

8. **PROVIDES POSTIVE GUIDANCE**
   - Provides each child with guidance on how to behave acceptably in society.

9. **FAMILY ADVOCATE**
   - Develops a positive, engaging relationship with each child and their family.

10. **BEHAVIOR ROLE MODEL**
    - Oversees program management to ensure the most enriching learning experience for all children, taking into account each of their developmental needs. Makes professional decisions based on research-based early childhood development best practices.

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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. As a nonprofit organization, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing. To date, close to one million Child Development Associate® (CDA) credentials have been issued around the world. For more information, visit [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).