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Qualities of an Extraordinary CDA® Educator

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:

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HEALTHY & SAFETY EXPERT

Provides a **safe** environment for children to learn, grow and play. Teaches children about good nutrition and how to stay healthy.

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CULTURAL EQUITY SUPPORTER

Develops a supportive relationship with each child to instill pride in **themselves** and their heritage.

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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.

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KINDNESS INFLUENCER

Supports children in developing **social** skills and respecting others.

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BRAIN DEVELOPMENT WIZ

Promotes curiosity, **cognitive** reasoning, learning through play and problem solving to lay the foundation for future learning.

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BEHAVIOR ROLE MODEL

Provides each child with **guidance** on how to behave acceptably in society.

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COMMUNICATON GURU

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

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FAMILY ADVOCATE

Develops a positive, engaging relationship with each child and their **family**.

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CREATIVE ARTIST

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

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ORGANIZED PROFESSIONAL

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.

ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

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.