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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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## PROVIDES POSTIVE GUIDANCE

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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## 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.

### 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](http://www.cdacouncil.org).