

## **FAQ's Child Development Associate(CDA)**

### **What is a CDA?**

*It is a nationally recognized credential for Early Childhood.*

### **Is the CDA training in person or virtual?**

*The courses are live virtually on scheduled Saturdays from 10-3 via Zoom.*

### **What are the CDA program expectations?**

*In order to complete this course you MUST:*

- *Attend all scheduled virtual sessions (total of 60 hours)*
- *Earn another 60 clock hours of early childhood specific training (virtual or in person)*
- *Complete a portfolio (sections assigned by the CDA trainer)*
- *Earn and document (through your placement), a minimum of 480 clock hours in a licensed classroom*

### **What program would I be working in?**

*You will be placed in a high quality early childhood program. You will have the opportunity to meet/interview with the director of the program as well as tour the program, observe different rooms that care for different ages (infant, toddler and preschool) and talk with some of the teachers about their work. You will have the opportunity to reflect with the director afterward on your experience and learning.*

### **What age group would I be working with?**

*We will do our best to match you with the age group that you feel strongest with, however, the needs of the program you will be working in will take priority.*

### **What would my hours be?**

*You will work with the program you are placed at to develop a schedule that meets both of your needs.*

### **What would the pay be?**

*In addition to the \$500.00 retention bonuses, we will partner with the program you are placed at to ensure you are earning a comparable wage to other staff at the program with equal education and experience as you learn .*

