

ASU Childhood Services

CDA Renewal

What is CDA Renewal?

The Council of Professional Recognition has announced a revised CDA Renewal Process effective January 1, 1996 to maintain active status as a Child Development Associate (CDA), the Council for Professional Recognition requires that a credential be renewed. The CDA Renewal Process offers the opportunity to reaffirm competence as a childcare provider. The CDA Renewal process is for all Center-based Infant/Toddler and Preschool endorsements as well as Family Child Care CDA. The first renewal is three (3) years after receiving the credential and every five (5) years thereafter. All CDA's (with the exception of Home Visitors) must meet the following criteria for CDA Renewal:

- Hold a current Red Cross or other agency First Aid Certificate.
- Have completed at least 4.5 Continuing Education Units (C.E.U.'s), which is 45 clock hours of training, or a 3 credit-hour course. The training must be in early childhood/child development, within the past 3 years for first renewal or the past 5 years for renewals thereafter. Bilingual CDA's must meet this requirement with course work incorporating bilingual issues.
- Have recent (within the past year) work experience with young children (minimum 80 hours). Bilingual CDA's must have recent experience in a bilingual setting.
- Have an Early Childhood Education Professional who can complete a letter of recommendation regarding competence with young children.
- Hold membership (within current year) in a national, state, or local early childhood professional organization.

Home Visitor CDA's will continue to use the current renewal process that requires self-appraisal and two renewal reviewers. For more information regarding the Renewal Criteria you may click on the Council of Professional Recognition Web Site www.cdacouncil.org.

ASU Childhood Services CDA Renewal Class

Arkansas State University Childhood Services is a CDA/CDA Renewal Scholarship Approved Institution and has provided a CDA Renewal class since the Council of Professional Recognition revised the CDA Renewal process in January of 1996. The course work will provide a knowledge level beyond the CDA program. The forty-five (45) clock hour (4.5 C.E.U.'s) will incorporate advanced seminars based on the six (6) competency goal areas.

Cost/Scholarship Assistance

The cost of CDA Renewal is \$300. As a CDA Scholarship Approved Institution, ASU Childhood Services students can access the full amount of the tuition through the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education in Little Rock @ (501) 682-9699 or by the Web site www.state.ar.us.childcare.

CDA Renewal Class

ASU Childhood Services will organize a CDA Renewal Class in the following areas upon demand as a minimum of 10 – 12 students request the course.

CDA Renewal-Request Form

Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Summer 2005

Name: _____

Last 4 digits of SS#: _____ Birth Date: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

P.O. Box/Street

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: (_____) _____ Evening Phone: (_____) _____

Check Site:

_____ Blytheville	_____ Hot Springs	_____ Magnolia
_____ Cave City	_____ Jacksonville	_____ Marion/West Memphis
_____ Conway	_____ Jonesboro	_____ Mountain Home
_____ Fayetteville	_____ Evening	_____ Paragould
_____ Fort Smith	_____ Saturday	_____ Pine Bluff
_____ Harrison	_____ Summer '05	_____ Springdale
_____ Heber Springs	_____ Little Rock	

***Note:** Information concerning exact class schedules and enrollment forms will be sent out in early summer. **Please** include the last four digits of your SS# and birth date, they will be used for identification purposes at Childhood Services only.

Please Mail Completed Form to:

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Fax: 1-870-972-3556