

## What is a CDA?

The **Child Development Associate (CDA)** is a nationally recognized credentialing program.

It is a competency-based credential awarded to individuals who work with young children, both as Family Child Care Providers or center-based staff and have met all of the requirements outlined by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition.

The State of New Jersey, Department of Youth and Family Services (licensing agency) recognizes the credentials as equivalent to the Group Teacher Certificate.

## How do I qualify to be a CDA Candidate?

- must be at least 18 years of age.
- must have a High School diploma or GED.
- must have at least 480 hours of experience working with young children, within the past five years.
- must have a **minimum** of 120 clock hours of formal child care training, which we provide through the CDA classes.
- must be able to speak, read and write well enough to fulfill the requirements of a CDA candidate.

## Where and when can I get CDA Training?

A yearlong CDA Program is being offered in which participants can obtain **135 hours** of formal training.

Classes will be held every week on designated evenings, starting the **first or second week of September through June of the following year**. An additional four (4) evenings and/or Saturdays may be required, the times and location will be determined after classes start.

Training will be held at the following locations:

- **Piscataway** (Tuesday 6:00-9:00pm)  
St. John Neumann Center  
146 Metlars Lane
- **Perth Amboy** (Wednesday 6:00-9:00pm)  
103 Center Street

*\*Notifications will be sent if training is cancelled or combined.*

## How much does it cost?

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is offering the non-credit CDA course at a cost of **\$725, \$365** of that is due at the time of registration. If you are not accepted into class, registration will be refunded.



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## Scholarships:

Scholarships may be available through Professional Impact NJ (formerly The NJ Professional Development Center). Professional Impact NJ provides tuition reimbursement to child care providers and teachers working in early care and education or out-of-school time fields.

**For information on scholarships, contact Professional Impact NJ at (973) 391-2633 ext. 100 or visit their website at [www.pinj.org](http://www.pinj.org).**

If you have less than 9 college credits, you must take a literacy test in order to qualify for a scholarship. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen administers the test on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

**For information on the literacy test call Choicie Sorrell at (732) 324-4357, ext.120**

## Registration

**Deadline for registration is August 15, 2008**

To register, please complete the form to your right and mail along with a **check or money order** in the amount of **\$365 or the full amount of \$725** made payable to:

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

MAIL TO:

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen**  
CCR&R Divison - CDA Training  
103 Center Street • Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
Attn.: Raquel Peele

# CDA Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Center/Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

Center Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

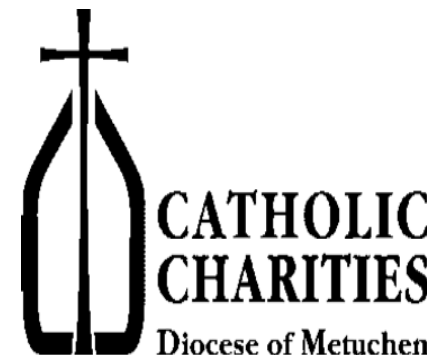
Ages of children you work with: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate where you plan to attend classes)

\_\_\_ **Perth Amboy**

\_\_\_ **Piscataway**

\_\_\_ **Either Location**



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Child Care Resource & Referral**

Middlesex County  
103 Center Street · Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
732.324.4357 or 877.224.6364

Somerset County  
94 Grove Street · Somerville, NJ 08876  
908.927.0869 or 877.224.4254

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