

Every **ACCOMPLISHMENT** starts with  
the **DECISION** to **TRY**

## How Do I Start?

Let's start with these questions:

- ✓ Do you love working with children and/or are already working in a classroom?
- ✓ Are you ready to make a next step but college is not a good fit right now?
- ✓ Are you ready to commit some time for YOUR professional development?
- ✓ TAKE THE FIRST STEP and CALL  
719-937-4010 ext. 108  
ASK about the CDA program!



## Early Childhood Council

We value our community partners and our Working Together families.

Our vision is to ensure our community works together to ensure all children are valued, healthy, and thriving in school and life.

We believe that having high quality teachers in our centers and family care centers. This will benefit the children of our communities for years to come.

We also believe that having the teachers learn within a strong social emotional foundation, as the 120 education hours are designed, then the children will have a stronger foundation on which to grow from.

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**EARLY  
CHILDHOOD  
COUNCIL**

*Working together to impact  
services for young children and  
their families.*



~Stop doubting yourself – **WORK HARD**  
and make it happen!!~

### How do I EARN a CDA?

- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Complete 120 education hours in 8 subject areas  
(The Council is here to help!!)
- Complete 480 hours (about 3 months) of experience  
(if you are not already working, the Council can help too!)
- Complete a Portfolio
- Gather Family Questionnaires
- Complete Application with Council Staff
- Pass CDA test @ TSJC

**Council staff will assist along the entire process**



**\*\*Inhale COURAGE – Exhale FEAR\*\***

The ECC SLV has your fears covered!

We have knowledgeable staff to guide you through the CDA program. This program is designed to be ‘candidate driven’ so YOU will set the pace. If you want to complete it in 9 months, we can do that. If you want to take a year, we can do that. We also have scholarships available to cover the costs and books....  
So, what are you waiting for?

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*“Every child needs one person who is crazy about him.”*

*Urie Bronfenbrenner*

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### **You can start ANYTIME!!**

Please take a few minutes and call the ECC SLV.

Please speak with the Outreach & Advocacy Coordinator:

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The **EXPERT** in ANYTHING, was once a **BEGINNER**

This is the entry level path to become an Early Childhood Teacher.

### **Code of Colorado Regulations:**

- ❖ Current CDA Certificate qualify a person to be an Early Childhood Teacher

### **More Information:**

- ❖ Once entered into PDIS, CDA certificate is equivalent to Early Childhood Professional Credential 2.0 Level 2.
- ❖ The Council will help CDA candidates obtain the 120 education hours.
- ❖ The Council has scholarships available depending on grants available.
- ❖ The Council has CDA Professional Development Specialists on staff.