

Dear Early Childhood Instructor,

Do you need your CDA to maintain employment at your Center, to enter the field of early childhood education, or to do your job better? If so, why not earn credits from CUNY, the nation's leading urban public university while obtaining the nationally recognized [Child Development Associate \(CDA\) Credential](#). We recognize that by providing NYC's early childhood professionals with not only high quality course-work, instructors, and credits, we are enabling the workforce to be better prepared for the field's career ladder and potentially move on to degree programs within our CUNY system.

Please join us for an Information Session on **Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:00 PM** to learn more about the Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential. Designed by the [NYC Early Childhood Professional Development Institute](#), and offered in partnership with the [CUNY School of Professional Studies](#), the program, *pending SED approval*, will be the only comprehensive credit-bearing CDA in New York City to provide students not only with the required course-work but also advisement, writing support, portfolio creation, career services, and final observation assessment.

The courses in the CDA are designed to enable early childhood teachers and assistant teachers to:

- Bring a strong developmental perspective to their work with young children and families
- Support second-language learners and children with special needs
- Create opportunities to examine and reflect on their teaching
- Improve classroom practice and learning environments through hands-on activities
- Strengthen connections between their Centers and children's homes
- Build a repertoire of skills and resources to assist parents in caring effectively for their children

We will also provide you with information on applying for the New York State Child Care Educational Incentive Program (EIP) and any additional financial assistance available for this program.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the event, as well as share this information with your colleagues who are interested in enhancing their professional commitment to the lives of the children and families they serve.

Please use the link below or the button at right to RSVP. We hope to see you there!

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Sincerely,

Sherry M. Cleary  
Executive Director  
NYC Early Childhood Professional Development Institute



**NYC Early Childhood  
Professional  
Development Institute**

*Developing Adults  
Working with Developing Children*

**Learn more at our upcoming  
Information Session!**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2011  
6:00pm**

CUNY Graduate Center  
Room 9205  
365 Fifth Avenue,  
between 34th and 35th Streets  
New York, NY

**REGISTER NOW**

*If you are unable to attend, but still  
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