

Financial Supports to Grow Your Career

Credential / Degree	When do I get the funds?	Total Financial Support
Child Development Associate	\$1,500 upon completion of coursework \$2,500 upon completion of credential	\$4,000
Early Childhood Diploma (1 yr program)	\$2,000 upon completion of half the coursework \$4,000 upon completion of the degree	\$6,000
Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education (2 yr program)	\$3,000 upon completion of half the coursework \$5,000 upon completion of the degree	\$8,000

How to Apply?

- Check out our website by scanning this QR code



- Call the ICCG Employment & Training Program at 888-778-4008 ext. 7
- Our application is short and easy to complete - let us help you get started on a great career today!

Grow Your Career in Early Childhood Education

Would you like to make an impact in the lives of the **LITTLEST LEARNERS** in NW Minnesota?

Let us HELP YOU!



Inter-County Community Council
Employment & Training Program

Funding for this project is provided through the MN Department of Education Grow Your Own initiative

Who should apply?

- **Applicants must live or work in the following counties:**

Roseau	Kittson	Marshall
Polk	Pennington	Red Lake
Norman	Clearwater	

- **High School Students (juniors or seniors) who would like to work on their CDA (Child Development Associate) so they can apply for the credential right after graduation**
- **Adults that are not currently in the Early Childhood field, but would like to earn a credential in Early Childhood Education**
- **Adults that are already in the Early Childhood field but would like to earn the credentials needed to qualify for their position, or advance in their career**
- **Preference given to those that are from populations such as minorities, have a disability, have low income, or are a non-typical early childhood worker.**

FAQ:

- **What if I finish my coursework, but don't complete the CDA credential?** Participants will be awarded funds based on the chart on the back page. If you finish the coursework, you keep the funds and do not have to re-pay them, but will not be awarded the second amount of funds.
- **Do I have to provide any documentation?** For each award level, you will have to provide your transcripts or copy of the certificate or degree to receive funds

- **How do the funds get paid?** The funds will be paid directly to you as a stipend. You can use the funds to cover any expenses you have paid out of pocket or to cover the cost of being gone from work to get your work experience hours completed. You will receive tax information at the end of the year for these funds.
- **Do I have to go to a specific school / program?** You are welcome to choose your own program or school. The funds can be used to pay for whatever expenses you incur. There is a list of possible programs on our website.
- **How many people will receive funding?** There are a limited number of awards available and will be based on the programs in which the accepted participants are enrolled. **Apply now to secure your assistance!**

How can we help you?

- **Financial Support** (see the back page)
- **Access to Resources such as:**
 - lists of colleges and continuing education programs to earn the credentials / degrees
 - lists of locations to complete observations hours or get work experience
 - contact information for coaches that can provide support throughout your education and when you find employment
 - other supports and materials for your education or future employment