## **Region I Educator and Provider Support (EPS) Presents:**

A Cohort is a Professional Learning Community –they typically meet on a monthly basis with peers to discuss/learn about all the current happenings in the field of Early Childhood Education. They are held throughout Western Mass and are open to all educators and directors from any county.

## Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Cohort

In Massachusetts the CDA credential can be used toward teacher and lead teacher qualifications and is required of some educators for programs to advance in the ORIS system. It is as the Council for Professional Recognition states the "Best 1st Step" for professional development.

The CDA cohort will support you as you prepare and apply for your credential. Together we will:

- Review the requirements for applying and evaluating participants Professional Education documentation towards the required 120 hours of training in the 8 CDA subject areas
- Develop a plan to help you meet the training requirements for CDA candidacy
- Gain an understanding of the 6 CDA Competency Standards that define the skills that a competent early care and learning professional should demonstrate in working with young children
- Demonstrate that you have learned to put the standards into practice by preparing the Professional Portfolio
- Review the CDA application process from selection of a PD specialist to what to expect during the Verification Visit and the CDA exam

**Presenter:** Margery Heyl, M.Ed. is a CDA Professional Development Specialist **Dates:** Weekly on Tuesdays, March 3 thru June 9 **Place:** 35 Mt. Carmel Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**Time**: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Chicopee MA **Core Competency:** 6 **Audiences:** FCC & GCC

**Credits**: EEC Training Hours for the hours you attend Cost: Free

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Department of Early Education and Care. Detach – Keep top portion for your records\_\_\_\_\_ Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential Cohort February 24 – June 9 (093) Please **PRINT CLEARLY** and fill in **all information** – you will not be registered if form is incomplete. **One form per person**. \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: Personal Phone: Email: Postion: Name of Program (If applicable): **EEC PQ Registry #** \_\_\_\_\_\_ **PQR # expiration date:** \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ MA EEC Program ID # (Not License #) Please check type of program you work in (only one): \_\_\_\_ Family Child Care Infant/Toddler Preschool School Age Public School Other This Course is relevant to my Individualized Professional Development Plan (IPDP) \* Training must be relevant Are you pursuing: (check all that apply): \_\_\_\_\_ GED/ESOL \_\_\_\_ College Degree \_\_\_\_ CDA \_\_\_\_ EEC Certification

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO TRAINING START DATE. Late registrations will be returned.