



EARLY CHILDHOOD
RESOURCE CENTER

A Ministry of the Sisters of Charity Health System

CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATE



2026-2027 SCHEDULE

SUMMIT/STARK - HYBRID CLASS

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Space is limited | Starting August 12, 2026

In-Person Course Location

Summit: Early Childhood Resource Center

915 North Main St.
Akron, OH 44310

Stark: Early Childhood Resource Center

1718 Cleveland Avenue NW
Canton, OH 44703

Virtual Platforms Used

ZOOM & Google Classroom

Requirement

Must have reliable internet access and a computer/tablet with working video and audio.

Time

Wednesdays, plus one (1) Tuesday a month;
Evenings from 5:30 pm - 8 pm

Credit Available

Ohio Approved hours | DCY In-Service

TOP 5 REASONS

to enroll in the Early Childhood Resource Center's CDA classes

Finish classes in approximately 9 months using a combination of in-person and virtual.

Eight courses provide you with the required training to apply for your credential. Take all eight, or choose just the courses you need.

Scholarships are available for DCY programs serving publicly funded children in Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, and Trumbull counties. The only fee is \$100 out of pocket per student. Private pay options are available, too.

Great peer-to-peer networking opportunity for family child care providers.

A CDA credential will increase your Career Pathway Level (CPL), helping you achieve a Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) high-quality rating.

Ready to enroll? **Contact Jenna 330.491.3272 | jgraves@ecresourcecenter.org**

CDA CLASS SCHEDULE – SUMMIT/STARK

Course 1: Safe, Healthy Learning Environments

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
8/12/2026	CDA Orientation	In-Person
8/18/2026	Establishing Safe Environments	Virtual
8/19/2026	Healthy Habits	Virtual
8/26/2026	Sanitary Environment	Virtual
9/2/2026	Diapering, Toileting, Sleep Habits	Virtual
9/8/2026 (Tuesday)	DAP Learning Environment I/T	Virtual
9/9/2026	DAP Learning Environment Preschool	Virtual

Course 2: Child Development & Learning

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
9/16/2026	History of ECE	In-Person
9/23/2026	Child Development Prenatal-2	Virtual
9/30/2026	Child Development Ages 2-3	Virtual
10/7/2026	Child Development Ages 4-5	Virtual
10/13/2026 (Tuesday)	Inclusion and Special Needs	Virtual
10/14/2026	Developmentally Appropriate Practice	Virtual

Course 3: Physical & Intellectual Development

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
10/21/2026	Supporting Learning Across all Domains	In-Person
10/28/2026	Writing Goals & Objectives	Virtual
11/4/2026	Physical Activity: Fine & Gross Motor	Virtual
11/11/2026	Creative Arts	In-Person
11/18/2026	Language, Communication, Literacy	Virtual
11/24/2026 (Tuesday)	Cognitive Development: Science, Math, and Social Studies	Virtual

Course 4: Social Emotional Development

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
12/2/2026	Secure Attachments & Temperaments	Virtual
12/9/2026	Positive Guidance & Pro Social Behaviors	Virtual
12/15/2026 (Tuesday)	Understanding DAP Behaviors	Virtual
12/16/2026	Portfolio	In-Person
1/6/2027	Stages of Play & Transitions	Virtual
1/13/2027	Promoting Sense of Self	Virtual

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Course 5: Observing & Recording

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
1/20/2027	Introduction to Observations	Virtual
1/26/2027 (Tuesday)	Observing with a Purpose	Virtual
1/27/2027	Planning for Individual Children	Virtual
2/3/2027	Assessments, Observations & ELDS	Virtual
2/10/2027	Sharing Observations & Assessments with Families	In-Person
2/17/2027	Strategies for Observing	Virtual

Course 6: Establishing Family Relationships

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
2/23/2027 (Tuesday)	Family Partnerships	Virtual
2/24/2027	Ethnicity & Culture	Virtual
3/3/2027	Communication with Families	Virtual
3/10/2027	Supporting Families Needs	Virtual
3/17/2027	Portfolio Class	In-Person
3/24/2027	Writing a Parent Handbook	Virtual

Course 7: Program Management

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
3/31/2027	Assuring a Smooth-Running Classroom	Virtual
4/7/2027	Collaborations with Families and Community	Virtual
4/13/2027 (Tuesday)	Lesson Planning	Virtual
4/14/2027	DAP Schedules & Routines	Virtual
4/21/2027	Portfolio Class	In-Person
4/28/2027	Record Keeping & Organization	Virtual

Course 8: Professionalism

Date	Class	In-Person or Virtual
5/5/2027	Professionalism	Virtual
5/11/2027 (Tuesday)	Your Role as an ECE Professional	Virtual
5/12/2027	State Licensing Rules for Administrators and Staff	Virtual
5/19/2027	Building Your Career	Virtual
5/26/2027	Review of Verification Visit	In-Person
6/2/2027	CDA Last Steps	In-Person

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