

Funding for Education

Child Development Assistants & Workers

Child Development Workers (CDWs) and Child Development Assistants (CDAs) looking to obtain higher levels of certification and attend approved courses, conferences and workshops related to early learning and child care may apply to the Ministry of Children's Services Accreditation Funding program for funding assistance. CDWs and CDAs are able to access a professional development grant to assist with tuition fees and require textbooks.

Child Care Program Type	Maximum Funding per CDA or CDW
Child Care Center	Up to \$1,000 per year
Day Home Agency	Up to \$1,000 per year
Out of School Care	Up to \$600 per year

This funding is for CDWs or CDAs working in pre-accredited or accredited programs only.

Day Homes: The Professional Development Grant is available to paid certified staff employed as a family child care consultant or coordinator, to help obtain higher levels of certification and attend approved conferences and workshops. Family day home providers are not eligible to receive the Professional Development Grant.

Child Development Supervisors

Professional Development Funding is available through the Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta

Qualified individuals must have a valid **Child Development Supervisor** certificate issued in Alberta and be:

- a Canadian Citizen or hold Canadian permanent resident status;
- working as a paid staff member or family child care consultant/coordinator in a child care program or family day home agency; and
- working a minimum of 80 hours a month; or 40 hours each month in a licensed out-of-school care program.

** CDS family day home providers and CDS working in preschools do not qualify for this funding**

Funding Stream	Maximum Funding per CDS
Post-secondary education courses	Up to \$1,000 per year
Workshops and conferences	Up to \$200 per year

For more information, please visit <https://aecea.ca/ece-professionals/cds-pd-funding>

OTHER OPTIONS:

Canada-Alberta Job Grant

For employers, keep in mind that the [Canada-Alberta Job Grant](#) is another way to pay for the cost of training new and existing employees to increase their knowledge and skills.

Please note that the AECEA PD funding for CDSs can be used to cover the employer paid portion of this grant