

1 individual shall (i) prepare the individual's CDA portfolio, which shall consist
2 of a collection of reference materials related to the individual's work with
3 children and families, and (ii) select a CDA professional development
4 specialist to conduct the individual's CDA verification visit to review the
5 individual's professional portfolio, observe the individual working with
6 children, complete dialogue with the individual, and submit score
7 recommendations.

- 8 (4) Experience. – Within three years of submitting the application for the CDA
9 credential for birth through 3 years of age or 3 to 5 years of age, the individual
10 must obtain 480 hours of professional work experience in a center-based
11 setting with children either birth through 3 years of age or 3 to 5 years of age.

12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2023.