

Credentials for Child Care Careers (C4) Grant

Program

1. Provide family and consumer sciences course series in which students earn a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential
2. Partner with a licensed child care center to provide service/practice hours for participating career and technical education (CTE) students

Curriculum

1. Access and use the state-approved curriculum aligned to the CDA credential
2. Provide hands-on service hours to participating students in completing the requirements for a CDA credential
3. Ensure Iowa Department of Health and Human Services child care licensing requirements are completed during the course work

Funding

- Grant funds available beginning Dec. 18, 2024
- Expenses must align with the budget submitted in the approved application
- Budget modifications must be submitted and approved in IowaGrants

Grant Reporting

Year 1 Task	Year 1 Timeline	Year 2 Task	Year 2 Timeline
Submit Quarterly Claims	March and June 2025	Submit Quarterly Claims	September and December 2025 March and June 2026
Submit Mid-Year Report	N/A	Submit Mid-Year Report	January 2026
Submit End-of-Year Report	July 2025	Submit End-of-Year Report	July 2026

Data Collection Elements:

- Activities completed during reporting period
- Description/summary of expenditures
- Number of CTE student participants
- Number of partnerships with licensed child care centers
- Average number of practice work hours completed within reporting period
- Number of participants completing three-semester program (Year 2 data element)
- Number of participants attaining CDA credential (Year 2 data element)