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COMPONENT: ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: CDA PROCEDURES

PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES: To establish a standard for teachers to receive credentials that demonstrates their ability to use Developmental Appropriate Practices with preschool children.

Teachers in the Head Start program who do not have an Early Childhood **Associate** Degree are required to keep current a CDA (Childhood Development Associate) credential. Teacher Assistants are encouraged to obtain a CDA. Teaching staff are provided the information for completing TECTA (Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance) requirements which can provide tuition assistance for completing the CDA. Teaching staff are provided training in applying for financial aid. Pell grant and state education grants can be used to pay for classes required for the CDA.