**Planning Guide:**

**Teacher Currently Holding a CDA**

I currently have a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential but need an associate’s degree in early childhood education (or early childhood development, child and family studies, or a closely related field) by December 2023.

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| **Task** | **Information** | **Notes:** |
| Review available associate degree (AA) programs | UDC - Community College | Reviewed |
| Trinity University | Reviewed |
| Other: | Reviewed |
| Other: | Reviewed |
| Contact program(s) that best fits with present availability and speak to program coordinator |  | Contacted |
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| Decide on a start date | Program takes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_months to complete | Start date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Projected end date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Obtain a copy of high school transcript (or G.E.D. certificate) | Requested on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Received Transcript |
| Obtain a copy of CDA certificate (if applicable) | Requested on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Obtained a copy of CDA |
| Complete application(s) for AA program(s) | Program 1: | Application Submitted |
| Program 2: | Application Submitted |
| Complete the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FASFA) to apply for financial aid | www.fafsa.ed.gov | Application Submitted |
| Contact scholarship programs | T.E.A.C.H. | Contacted Applied |
| Higher Education Incentive | Contacted Applied |
| DC Mayor’s Scholars | Contacted Applied |
| DC TAG | Contacted Applied |
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| Other Planning Notes: | | |
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