

Powering Optimal Wages

POWER OHIO

and Encouraging Retention

We Want to Reward You for Going to School

Introducing POWER Ohio

Now you can get paid for successfully completing higher education courses and degrees and for staying employed with your current early childhood program.

Earn from \$300 to \$12,800

If you're currently enrolled, or plan to start a **Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential** or an **Associate's Degree (AA)** in early childhood education or a related field, you can get paid for classes you pass along the way and for graduating.

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Wage Supplement Payments After Graduation

Complete your CDA or AA, stay at your program and you'll qualify for payments at 6 and 12 months.

Benefits

- Get wage supplements without searching for a new employer
- Won't affect other state assistance you receive
- Can be used with your T.E.A.C.H. scholarships
- Get checks mailed to you

Eligibility

- Assistant teachers earning at or below \$14/hr, lead teachers at or below \$16/hr, administrators at or below \$18/hr
- Work at least 20 hours weekly with children ages birth to 5 years
- Programs already SUTQ rated are eligible for POWER Ohio if at least 50% of the children in the program receive publicly funded child care (PFCC). Licensed programs not yet SUTQ rated are eligible for POWER Ohio if at least one child in the program receives PFCC.

Apply Now Before Funding Runs Out



Apply at registry.occrra.org

Sign in to your Ohio Professional Registry profile. Go to the Application Tab. If you don't have a Registry profile, create one to get started.

Associate Degree (AA) Payments

\$ Check Amount \$

Semester Hours Passed & Retention Months Required	Teachers & Family Child Care Educators	Child Care Center Director/Administrator
6 credit hrs	\$750	\$600
12 credit hrs	\$750	\$600
18 credit hrs	\$750	\$600
24 credit hrs	\$1,150	\$1,000
30 credit hrs	\$1,150	\$1,000
36 credit hrs	\$1,150	\$1,000
42 credit hrs	\$1,150	\$1,000
48 credit hrs	\$1,150	\$1,000
54 credit hrs	\$1,150	\$1,000
60 credit hrs/degree completion	\$1,150	\$1,000
6 months after graduation at your current employer	\$1,250	\$1,000
12 months after graduation at your current employer	\$1,250	\$1,000

Acceptable Degrees

- Child Development
- Early Childhood Education (ECE)
- Early Intervention – ECE or Special Education
- Elementary Education
- Elementary Intervention
- Family Studies
- Human Development
- Human Ecology
- Middle or Secondary Education
- Physical Education
- Psychology or Recreation Mgmt. *(if 12 hours of child development courses with a grade A, B, C or pass)*
- School Counselor



CDA Credential Payments

\$ Check Amount \$

CDA Activities & Retention Months Required	Teachers & Family Child Care Educators	Child Care Center Director/Administrator
Training/Coursework Completion (120 hrs)	\$450	\$300
CDA Credential Completion	\$450	\$300
6 months after completion at your current employer	\$450	\$300
12 months after completion at your current employer	\$600	\$500

Please note: You can't receive payment for a CDA and AA during the same time period.

More Information: www.occrra.org/wd
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