

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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other side*

### 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 TEACH 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
- Licensed program, serving at least 50% publicly funded children and not registered or rated in Step Up To Quality

### Apply Now Before Funding Runs Out



Apply at [registry.occrro.org](https://registry.occrro.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](http://www.occrra.org/wd)  
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