

OMYF Infant/Toddler CDA Coaching Program



2012-2013

OMYF: Making a Difference

- Nineteen infant/toddler teachers awarded their national Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate credential
- Twenty-four infant/toddler teachers in training to receive their Infant/Toddler CDA credential
- Fourteen directors involved in the new director training component
- 100% of teachers are now online with the Teaching Strategies Gold assessment
- 89.5% of teachers from the 2012 OMYF program remain with their centers

“It will change things long term if you look at a young infant toddler teacher who is going to be in the profession another ten-twenty years and you look at the number of children who go through her hands that will benefit that they are impacting so many more lives than they realize.”

OMYF Child Care Center Director

Three hundred and ninety-five babies and toddlers, in centers, received better care as a result of their teacher in the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation’s Infant/Toddler CDA Coaching program. This program offered 80 hours of specific infant/toddler training to early childhood teachers with experience who previously had been unable to take this important step in professional development.

The problem:

Child care quality has been found to be lowest in infant/toddler classrooms, where teachers often have the least education and experience. Teacher turnover rates, which are nationally approximately 30%, were found to be 50% among a sample of infant/toddler teachers in Orange County. Our youngest children in care deserve educated teachers!

The solution:

The OMYF Infant/Toddler CDA Coaching program supports experienced infant/toddler teachers in obtaining their national Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate credential. An experienced early childhood coach offers specific training and classroom mentoring to assist infant/toddler teachers to be the best they can be.



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