

**BEST BEGINNINGS QUALITY INITIATIVES**

**CHILD CARE 7 – 3a**

**Certified Infant Toddler Caregiver**

**Supersedes:** Child Care 7-3 (2/1/11)

**References:** 45 CFR Part 98.51(b)(2)(ii)

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**Infant/Toddler Caregiver Certification**

Montana has an Infant/Toddler Caregiver Certification. In order to be certified as an infant/toddler caregiver, a child care provider must complete at least one of the following training requirements:

- A current Infant/Toddler CDA
- A current Family Child Care CDA that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler course work
- The complete, four-module, Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (minimum of 60 hours of instruction).
- Completion of a Child Care Development Specialist Apprenticeship, that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler course work.
- An Associate Degree in Early Childhood/Child Development that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler course work.
- A Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Child Development that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler instruction.

**Process for Becoming I/T certified**

For a provider who becomes a certified infant/toddler caregiver by completing:

- A current Infant/Toddler CDA
- A current Family Child Care CDA that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler course work
- An Associate Degree in Early Childhood/Child Development that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler course work.
- A Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood/Child Development that includes 30 hours of documented infant/toddler instruction.

The provider must notify the Early Childhood Services Bureau and provide documentation of one of the above.

A staff member becomes a certified infant/toddler caregiver by completing:

- The complete, four-module, Program for Infant/Toddler Caregivers (minimum of 60 hours of instruction).