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CDA GOLD STANDARDSM AWARDED TO NEW YORK'S QS2 INC.

QS2 Inc. of Baldwin, NY, is the newest recipient of the prestigious CDA Gold Standard- following a quality review of its training and student services by the Council for Professional Recognition.

The CDA Gold StandardSM is part of the Council's early childhood education effort to help CDA students find the high-quality training and student services they need in preparation for the CDA exam and a career as an early childhood educator.

"We are excited to have achieved CDA Gold Standard status. We look forward to serving more CDA Candidates in New York and beyond."

Earning the CDA Gold Standard is recognition that QS2 Inc. successfully demonstrated that its early childhood education training is based on the Council's three industry-leading principles of:

1. Alignment with the CDA formal education coursework found in the CDA's Eight Subject Areas.
2. Sound business policies and practices.
3. Quality student services that meet their educational and professional needs.

"We believe that the Council's CDA Gold Standard award adds value and integrity to the early childhood profession by verifying connections between the Council's proven teacher competencies and the quality of training resources available to CDA students," said Valora Washington, CEO of the Council.

In addition to offering high-quality training, CDA Gold Standard applicants must provide evidence that they serve the CDA student community with excellence, which includes professional development that prepares students for successful completion of their training program.

"It's exciting to think about the many young children, families, and communities that will benefit from the high-quality education and training students will receive from a CDA Gold StandardSM organization such as QS2 Inc.," Washington added.

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ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

For more than 30 years, the [Council for Professional Recognition](http://www.cdacouncil.org) has been the leader in promoting improved performance and recognition of professionals in the early childhood education of children ages zero to 5 years old. The Council recognizes and credentials professionals who work in all types of early care and education settings – Head Start, pre-k, infant-toddler, family child care, and home visitor programs. As a non-profit agency, the Council sets policies and procedures for assessment and credentialing, including the CDA® and the new CDA Gold StandardSM; publishes the industry leading training books and workbooks, including its *CDA Competency Standards* and *Essentials* textbook and workbook (2nd edition). Visit: www.cdacouncil.org