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**TEACHSTONE TRAINING CENTER EARNS COVETED CDA GOLD STANDARD<sup>SM</sup>**

Washington, DC – Teachstone Training of Charlottesville, VA, is the newest early childhood education organization to receive the prestigious CDA Gold Standard – Comprehensive award from the Council for Professional Recognition.

This award signifies that Teachstone Training successfully met the Council’s high standards for providing quality early childhood education training to students who prepare for the CDA Credential exam and a career as an early childhood educator.

“I’m so excited to congratulate everyone at Teachstone Training,” said Council CEO Valora Washington. “The CDA Gold Standard was created to assure value and integrity in the early childhood profession by verifying connections between the Council’s proven early education training competencies and the quality of training resources available to CDA students by organizations like theirs.”

In addition to offering high-quality training, Teachstone Training demonstrated that it serves the CDA student community with excellence, which includes professional development that prepares them for the successful completion of their training programs.

In a statement, the organization said: “Teachstone® is proud and honored that our CDA with CLASS® and CDA Renewal with CLASS® have received the Council's Gold Standard certification. In addition to meeting the Council's Gold Standard requirements, our programs provide an introduction to the Classroom Assessment Scoring System® (CLASS®). We are excited to be recognized by the Council and to impact classrooms through the CDA curriculum and the added value of CLASS to improve interactions between educators and the children in their care.”

The organization said that CLASS is the most highly researched tool for measuring the elements of teaching that matter most for students - the daily interactions they have with teachers. More than 200 research studies demonstrate that children in classrooms with more effective teacher-student interactions, as measured by CLASS, make gains in areas critical for success in school and life, including:

- Social/emotional learning
- Social competence
- Relationships with teachers

- Language, literacy and mathematics
- Executive functioning
- Inhibitory control
- Behavior
- Engagement and participation

CLASS, used by organizations in all 50 states and in 50 countries around the world, has impacted the lives of over six million children globally.

The CDA Gold Standard requires evidence that their early childhood education training and student services are based on the Council's three industry-leading principles:

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.

The CDA Gold Standard is valid for three years and can be renewed.

Learn more about the CDA Gold Standard<sup>SM</sup> at [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org).

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For nearly 35 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, publishes the industry leading training books and workbooks, including its *CDA Competency Standards* and *Essentials* textbook and workbook (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). Visit: [www.cdacouncil.org](http://www.cdacouncil.org)