

## Receiving Mentoring for Individual Projects – The Process

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### ELIGIBILITY

A provider is eligible for mentor/coaching for an Individual Project when he or she:

- Is **registered in the Professional Development System (PDS)** and is eligible for incentives.
- Completes an IdahoSTARS **Training Scholarship Application Form**, requests a Mentor/Coach for an Individual Project, and sends it to the Scholarship Office in Boise.
- Specifies the approximate **number of times to meet** with a mentor/coach that would be required for the completion of the goal (our suggestion is 10 – or fewer).
- Checks the **SPECIFIC topic** in which they are requesting mentor/coaching.
- Lists the **outcomes** that they would like to achieve. (Examples are: business practices, health and safety issues, help with developmentally appropriate practices, playground safety, etc.)
- Specifies the estimated **start date** of the project.

**Individual Projects are also available for:**

- Support with Accreditation (NAFCC and NAEYC)
- CDA Assessment
- GED testing

### ON-LINE CDA PROGRAM THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

**How mentor/coaching in this program works:**

- **Mentor/Coaching is a required part of this program**
- If the student would like to be in the Apprenticeship Program – for the full 4000 hours of on-the-job training – they follow the registration process for Apprenticeship with the U.S. Dept. of Labor. (In that case, their apprenticeship will most likely continue for a full year past their completion of the on-line course work, which is a real bonus!)
- If the student and/or director does **not** want the full Apprenticeship, the student can have a mentor/coach for a unique type of Individual Project, which will last for the entire time that the student is working towards the CDA.
- In either case, the Scholarship Office lets the Mentor director know that a new on-line CDA student has applied.
  - The Mentor office will then contact the Regional CCR&R Consultant for help in matching the student with a mentor/coach.
  - The Student will choose from mentor/coaches offered by the Regional Consultant and sign an agreement with the mentor/coach.
  - When the M.E.C.E. office has received the signed contract, the mentor/coaching can begin.