**NCDA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

**COUNSELOR EDUACTOR ACADEMY- CEA**

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* Chair and Co-Chair will remain the same for 2025/2026
* Committee Members: Chaiqua Harris, Jen Murdock-Bishop, Carrie Sanders, Angie Smith, Janine Rowe, Yas Hardaway, David Paul, Diana Charnley, Lisa Cardello, Suzy Wise, Julie Cerrito, Tiffany Brooks

**Committee Activities to Date**

* Solicited CEA 2025 applications: received 31 applications
* Committee sub-group reviewed and selected CEA 2025 cohort – 11 cohort members
* Notified 11 cohort members and confirmed attendance and notified NCDA as well
* Planned and facilitated CEA in June 2025
  + 10 participants (1 drop due to health issues)
  + Co-facilitators: Arden Szepe and Jackie Peila-Shuster
  + Counselor Educator Panel: Skip Niles, Kathy Evans, Diandra Prescod, David Ford
  + Alumni Panel: Carrie Sanders, Tiffany Brooks, Galaxina Wright
  + Solicited feedback from CEA 2025 cohort:
    - Participants found the CEA helped prepare them well (42.9%) or very well (57.1%) for their course
    - Participants would recommend the CEA to others
    - Participants reported meeting other counselor educators, the counselor educator panel, and group discussions their favorite part of the CEA
    - Participants reported that an additional day would be helpful, more time for syllabi group work, and more parameters around group projects would be beneficial.
      * The CEA committee during the NCDA conference to review and address some of these concerns.

**Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30**

* Follow-up with CEA 2025 cohort to ensure that they are working on their post-CEA projects
* Preparation and promotion for the 2027 Counselor Educator Academy
* Proposal to provide an informational roundtable during the 2026 NCDA Conference to promote 2027 CEA
* Plan and host CEA alumni reunion/reception (if board approves) to continue to foster community and engagement in CEA.