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**EAST BAY SKILLS ALLIANCE TO OFFER CHILDCARE TEACHER ASSISTANT TRAINING**

**PROGRAM IN WARREN, RI**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MANDATORY INFORMATION AND TESTING SESSIONS FOR**

**THOSE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE TRAINING PROGRAM**

**Newport, Rhode Island, January 8, 2018** - East Bay Skills Alliance (EBSA), a program of East Bay Community Action Program, will hold its second Childcare/Teacher Assistant/ Para-Professional job skills training program for all Rhode Island residents located in Warren, RI beginning February 5, 2018. Those who are interested in participating must attend one information and testing session, which will be offered on these dates: Wednesdays, January 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a.m. to 12:30p.m and Thursdays, January 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00a.m. to 1:30p.m. at 317 Market St. Warren, RI – East Bay Educational Collaborative. Applications for the program will be distributed at the end of each information session.

The Childcare/Teacher Assistant training will consist of five weeks of work readiness/soft skills, resume and interviewing preparation and two (2) weeks of Teacher Assistant Para Pro Training (afternoon class), a 15-hour internship with school-age and Head Start Pre-School and Infant/Toddler children and CPR & first aide certification. Classes will meet for six hours per day, five days per week, Monday through Friday. Eligible applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma/GED and be a RI resident. Cost to students is \$40 for the Criminal Background Check and \$10 for the CANTS Clearance fee - due after initial information session.

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