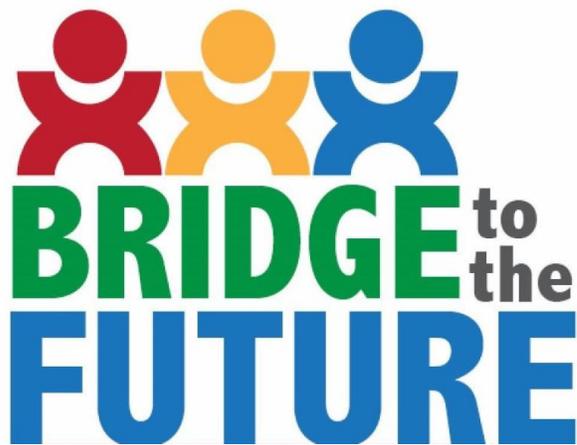




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Book It On Down to the Bridge to the Future Festival



The Clinton Center will host the annual [Bridge to the Future Festival](#) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clinton Presidential Park on Saturday, May 20, 2017. This is a FREE community festival that encourages students to read throughout their summer break in an effort to avoid learning loss. The festival brings together community organizations to provide fun, educational activities for kids, and literacy, health, and safety resources for parents.

According to extensive research, all students experience some level of "summer learning loss" or "summer setback" while on summer breaks. Some students are more effected by the summer break than their peers.

Some quick facts:

- Students score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do at the beginning of summer vacation.
- Students who see the biggest drops in test scores are already in higher-risk low-income groups.
- "Summer setback" has a cumulative effect and can follow student through high school.
- Educators, on average, spend four-to-six weeks re-teaching material that was lost during the "summer setback."

Event partners include Arkansas Children's Hospital, HIPPIY, Clinton Health Matters Initiative, Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Hillary Rodham Clinton Children's Library, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Baptist Health, St. Vincent Health System, Little Rock Fire Department, Scholastic, Knowledge Tree, Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, MEMS, Delta Dental, Garden Corps, Renaissance Learning, Arkansas Preschool Plus, [Arkansas Better Beginnings](#), GoNoodle.com, Master Gardeners, The Good Earth Garden Center.

New Print Ad Shows How Quality Child Care Looks Like Conversation

High quality child care looks like

CONVERSATION.



She may not be able to speak yet, but she knows lots of words. She has good caregivers. They look at her when they talk to her. When she tries to communicate, they answer her. Her early experiences are full of hugging, holding and

singing. She loves it when they sing and clap their hands together. Look for quality caregivers that are ready to have a conversation with your baby. Visit our website to find high quality child care.



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If your baby babbles, coos or grunts, she is communicating with you in her own way. The new ad Better Beginnings launched in April demonstrates how babies engage with you to learn how to converse and encourages a baby's most trusted adults to talk with her as she grows.

Speaking of which, our website, ARBetterBeginnings.com, is packed with information for parents, families, child care providers and teachers who want to create quality interactions with Arkansas children. Take a look and let us know what you think.

Adventures in Learning Takes Tots on Education Escapades



Adventures in Learning is a comprehensive curriculum for children from three through five years of age. This course of study was developed and revised through contracts with the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education and features 40 topics of study in nine focus areas. Each topic is introduced with familiar children's books and has a strong language and literacy emphasis.

While Adventures in Learning is a comprehensive curriculum, it can also be a supplement to an established curriculum. The curriculum is flexible and allows teachers to choose from a variety of topics of study and to decide when to explore them with the children.

For parents, Adventures in Learning is an Arkansas-approved curriculum that covers all areas of your child's development and learning. Children participating in Adventures in Learning will recognize and explore familiar children's books in each Topic of Study. You

may be able to check out these books at your local library to read with your child at home. Join your child in activities they will bring home, which connect to what is happening in the classroom. As partners in your child's early care and education, teachers and child care providers can make a difference.

For teachers and providers, the Adventures in Learning curriculum includes activities based on the Learning Goals identified in the Child Development and Early Learning Standards. These Learning Goals link directly to the Kindergarten Readiness Indicators from the Arkansas Department of Education.

Download the complete Adventures in Learning curriculum [here](#).

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