

## FAMILIES | Play is for Learning...

Better Beginnings has new videos and activities to help your child learn through play this month and throughout the year. Check out our latest additions to the [Family Resource Library](#).



### Learning Feels So Good

Discover sensory play and get 3 easy recipes for non-toxic play materials.



### Touch, Talk, Read and Play

Get 12 free resources with insights to help your baby's brain develop.

## This month's featured resource...



### Sensory Play Sand Activity

Play is critical to a child's development. It helps children develop new skills and explore their imagination.

Sensory play is often called messy play – for a good reason. Try out this month's fun sand activity and let the learning through play begin!

Experiments should always have parent or teacher participation. This resource is also available in Spanish [here](#).

Try it out

## NEWS | Every Child Deserves Quality Child Care

Access to quality child care is important for every child. Watch the video below to learn how Better Beginnings, Arkansas's quality rating improvement system, works to provide every child in the state with quality care.



Find quality child care options

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## THANK YOU | Better Beginnings Grows Quality Community

Better Beginnings is focused on making quality child care more accessible to families of young children across Arkansas. More high quality access means more kids that are better prepared for kindergarten. In the last reporting period, Better Beginnings welcomed 2 new providers to the community of quality providers:

**ALPENA** - The Learning Center of North Arkansas/Alpena Campus

**JONESBORO** - Home Sweet Home Learning Academy

The following provider has been promoted to the 2-star level:

**LITTLE ROCK** - Darnall School

If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star ranking, click [here](#).

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## PROVIDERS | Connecting with Infants

Connecting with Infants is a comprehensive curriculum for infants

from birth through eighteen months of age.

The curriculum was developed through a contract with the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education to help infants gain the following:

- Social and Emotional Development
- Cognitive Development
- Physical Development and Health
- Language Development and Emergent Literacy



Download activity plan directions and weekly activity plan sheets to implement this curriculum in your classroom today.

[Learn more](#)

To learn more about **Better Beginnings** and the resources available:

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Better Beginnings is Arkansas's quality rating improvement system for child care, early education and school-age programs that have gone above and beyond the state minimum requirements. Better Beginnings is administered by the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

