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## **Better Beginnings Helps Parents Find Summer Care**

*Arkansas's quality care program provides tools to take stress out of finding child care*

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** – [May 11, 2018] – Most districts in Arkansas are within a few weeks of the last day of the school year, so Better Beginnings is reminding parents to take advantage of the program's free tools when searching for child care. Better Beginnings is a program of the Arkansas Department of Human Services and the state's quality rating and improvement system for early childhood learning and child care. The program offers free resources to help parents in many ways, including how to find the right child care for their family.

Parents and guardians can access the [Family Resource Library](#) to locate child care close to home, work or family members who share in the caretaking role. The resources also give tips for touring facilities and communicating with child care providers.

To access the directory of Arkansas's more than 2,100 licensed child care providers, parents should visit the [Find Child Care](#) tool. From here, parents will search for licensed facilities based on zip code, hours of operation, age of child and more.

After selecting facilities that meet personal criteria, parents should download the mobile-friendly and free [Summer Child Care Checklist](#).

"Choosing the right person to watch your child can be stressful for new and experienced parents," Better Beginnings Program Director Beverly Wright said. "We know the daily routines set at the start of the school year are affected when summer vacation begins, so we created ways for parents to feel comfortable and confident when searching for child care."

Child care help isn't the only thing parents will find on the Better Beginnings website. The [Family Resource Library](#) offers many activities to help parents teach their children all summer. Parents will find activities that focus on math, reading, science and more. The resources are also available in Spanish; simply check out the [Biblioteca de recursos en español](#).

To learn more about Better Beginnings and finding a quality child care provider in your neighborhood for the summer, visit [ARBetterBeginnings.com](http://ARBetterBeginnings.com).

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### **About Better Beginnings:**

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. Better Beginnings connects Arkansas families with the information and care that helps children experience a safe, happy and healthy childhood.