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Spanish Language Child Development Resources Now Available for Parents Across Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 10, 2017 – **Better Beginnings**, Arkansas’s Quality Rating Improvement System through the Arkansas Department of Human Services, has made a library of Spanish-language resources available to Arkansas families. The library includes more than 20 individual resources with checklists for choosing childcare, developmental milestone trackers and activities that can be done at home to support early learning.

“Research shows maximum brain development occurs during the first five years. Children need opportunities for quality learning as early as possible,” said Beverly Wright, program manager of child care licensing and Better Beginnings at the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

“Having these resources available to Spanish-speaking families in Arkansas will provide those parents with extra tools to nurture development at home.”

In addition to the *Family Resource Library*, Better Beginnings offers a *Choosing Child Care Checklist* to assist families with finding a high quality child care program. The checklist, which is made to use on a smart device while touring a child care facility, is available online. Better Beginnings also offers a database of child care providers, searchable by zip code on its website, ARBetterBeginnings.com, where families can also view the Better Beginnings Spanish Resource Library.

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