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A SPECIAL NOTE FROM DAWN JEFFREY



Providers,

Well, we did it. We blinked, and **it's here.**

In just a few weeks we will celebrate Better Beginnings' **10th anniversary.**

We wish we could gather in person to commemorate this special day. BUT, like always, we will adjust.

This just means we're taking the party online, folks!

We hope you'll join us. **On October 12, we will start a fun 10 (school) day countdown to the big day,** which is on October 25. These will be posted to our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) pages with shared resources and the **number of the day.**

But, we want to see how YOU celebrate too!

For a chance to be featured on our social channels or in one of these Buzz newsletters, **send us videos of your kiddos** using the number of the day. Pictures will work too! You can **drop them in a comment on our Facebook page, send via direct message or email them to** arkansasbetterbeginnings@gmail.com.

Count them. Draw them. Sing them. Rhyme them!

Just have fun with it. We would love to see your kids' faces! We can't wait to see what you come up with

Oh, and two more reminders:

1. In case you missed it, be sure to check out the special message below about your **INA form submissions**.
2. Will you take just a few minutes **(six to be exact)** to complete **this survey?** Your feedback will help us help you!

Thank you, *thank you*, **thank you** for all you do. We would not be celebrating this milestone without you. **And remember why we do this.**

Because every child deserves our best.



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A SPECIAL MESSAGE ABOUT ONLINE BACKGROUND CHECKS



We want to remind you of some new information regarding those background check forms you guys submit on the **Information Network of Arkansas' (INA) Background Check System**.

Just be mindful that it is critical you provide the correct information.

We have recently learned that **The Arkansas State Police will no longer refund fees to providers who have entered incorrect information into the INA System** when completing background check requests.



Remember, you can easily validate the information on the **validation screen** that pops up right after you put your initial information in. **Pay special attention to the spelling of names and street addresses.**

As always, if you need any assistance with the INA process, please contact the **INA Helpdesk at 866-242-4649**.

WAIT!

DON'T LEAVE BEFORE COMPLETING OUR SURVEY!

CLICK HERE!



IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES!



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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.

