



CHILD CARE CENTER HELPFUL RESOURCES

Application

The ELS portal is found here: <https://arkdhs.force.com/elicensing/s/login/>

If you need help accessing or completing the application in the ELS portal or other technical support related to the online application, contact your Better Beginning Specialist at DCCECE.

BetterBeginnings@dhs.arkansas.gov
501.320.6161

Resources about the Better Beginnings process and requirements are available here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LWOUqOhojtroGklv3UXf003zESI_Oupm?usp=share_link

Program Administration Scale (PAS) Program Portfolio

To learn more about the PAS go here: <https://mccormickcenter.nl.edu/library/program-administration-scale-pas-2nd-ed/>

- PAS Portfolio cohorts are offered each year in the spring and fall. Go here to find cohorts: <https://tinyurl.com/ARBBtraining>
- Online tutorials are available anytime on Moodle, email BetterBeginnings@AState.edu to request access to the tutorial modules.
- Submit a technical assistance (TA) request at least nine months before you plan to submit your application.

Strengthening Families

To learn more about the Strengthening Families Initiative go here: <https://cssp.org/our-work/project/strengthening-families/>

- If you need help finding a Strengthening Families training on PDR for Level 2, go here: www.engageregister.com.
- To access the Strengthening Families *self-assessment and action plan template for Level 3 and 4, go here: <https://cssp.org/our-work/projects/self-assessments-for-programs/>

*The 6-hour Strengthening Families Director's Seminar includes completion of the self-assessment and writing action plans required for Level 3.



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Staff Qualifications/ Professional Development

To learn more about required training for administrators and teaching staff see the Level 2 checklist.

- For a list of required trainings and registration instructions go here: <https://tinyurl.com/ARBBtraining>
- Or subscribe to the Childhood Services weekly Newsletter here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/Wraur4r/newslettersubscribe>
- Most trainings can be found in the Professional Development Registry (PDR) at <https://pdregistry.arkansas.gov/>

Environmental Assessments

For more information on Environmental Assessments, go here: www.ersi.org

- For trainings on each of the ERS assessments, or other helpful trainings to support classroom quality, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/ARBBtraining>
- For self-assessments and materials checklists for ITERS, ECERS, and SACERS go to: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LWOUqOhojtroGklv3UXf003zESI_Oupm?usp=share_link
- Submit a TA request form during first two years after your last assessment.

Division approved self-assessments for Child Health and Development

For more information on Go NAPSACC go to: <https://gonapsacc.org/>

- To learn more about Go NAPSACC self-assessments go to: <https://gonapsacc.org/provider-tools>
- To get started, email GNS@curriculaconcepts.com to request an account and work with a Go NAPSACC consultant.

Screenings (birth-age 5)

For more information on Developmental Screenings go to Learn the Signs, Act Early at: <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.html>

For help finding screening tools and trainings, contact your local:

- Child Care Aware office
- Education Service Cooperative Office <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/ARK12/coop>

To refer a child for further developmental evaluation contact:

- Child Find <https://www.archildfind.org/>
- Educational Cooperatives (ages 3-5) <https://adedata.arkansas.gov/ARK12/coop>
- First Connections (birth-3) <https://dhs.arkansas.gov/dds/firstconnectionsweb/#fc-home>