



## Out-of-School Time Helpful Resources

### Application

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

An ELS Portal Tutorial is available on the Better Beginnings website in the Out of School Time program Toolkit at <https://arbetterbeginnings.com/>.

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](mailto:BetterBeginnings@dhs.arkansas.gov)  
501.320.6161

Resources about the Better Beginnings process and requirements are available here:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11cDWrae3O56Bt\\_GXwYuvZEppgXgBb\\_Qu?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11cDWrae3O56Bt_GXwYuvZEppgXgBb_Qu?usp=sharing)

### YPQI Assessments

To learn more about YPQI go to: <https://forumfyi.org/weikartcenter/ypqi/>

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Or Email the Out-of-School Time team at A-State Childhood Services at [OST@AState.edu](mailto:OST@AState.edu)

### 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: <https://medicine.uams.edu/familymedicine/research/red/ecpd/strengthening-families/>
- 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.

## Staff Qualifications/ Professional Development

Most trainings can be found in the Professional Development Registry (PDR) at <https://pdregistry.arkansas.gov/>

For a list of required trainings and to find required trainings go to:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f1TCPozQdPbBg36GEmpR6WZ-qNmrwd9c-dEIDi4V0N4/edit?usp=sharing>

- Or subscribe to the Childhood Services Newsletter here:  
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/Wraur4r/newslettersubscribe>

## Participant Portfolios

To learn more about participant portfolios go to:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11cDWrae3O56Bt\\_GXwYuvZEppgXgBb\\_Qu?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11cDWrae3O56Bt_GXwYuvZEppgXgBb_Qu?usp=sharing)

Or contact: [ost@astate.edu](mailto:ost@astate.edu)

## Environmental Assessments (for program not participating in YPQI)

For more information on Environmental Assessments, go here: [www.ersi.org](http://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 material checklists for ITERS, ECERS, and SACERS go to: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LWOUqOhojtroGklv3UXf003zESI\\_Oupm?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LWOUqOhojtroGklv3UXf003zESI_Oupm?usp=share_link)
- Submit a TA request form during first two years after your last assessment.

## PAS Program Portfolio (for programs not participating in YPQI)

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

- PAS Portfolio cohorts are offered twice a year. Sept-Dec and Feb-May. Go here to find cohorts: <https://tinyurl.com/ARBBtraining>
- Online tutorials are available anytime on Moodle, email [BetterBeginnings@AState.edu](mailto:BetterBeginnings@AState.edu) to request access to the Moodle modules.
- Submit a TA request form at least 6 months before you plan to submit your application.