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Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

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## **NEWS BULLETIN | Thankful for YOU!**



This is the season to give thanks to those who matter most. Better Beginnings would like to thank our providers, social media followers and newsletter subscribers for being a part of our family.

Your participation and support mean the world to us. As we continue to educate young children across the state of Arkansas, we are

grateful for supporters like YOU!

Thank you for joining us as we emphasize the value of quality child care and early learning and provide parents and providers with resources to assist this goal.

## POLL | We Want to Know...

Our monthly poll is an opportunity to tell us how you put Better Beginnings to work in your community.

Last month you made your voices heard and told us you'd like more educational material at conferences. This month we want to know: what is your favorite video on the <u>ARBetterBeginnings.com</u> website?

Submit your response here.

#### FAMILIES | Talk About Math

The Better Beginnings website is home to activities for providers and families to help young kids learn through play. This month, we're highlighting our math resources.

The <u>Simon Says ROLL</u> activity is new to our website. This is an easy-to-make learning game the whole family can enjoy. You can find more math activities in our *Family Resource Library*.



## **THANK YOU | Better Beginnings Grows Community**

We are thankful for YOU, our providers and teachers, who work tirelessly to provide the highest quality child care and early learning to Arkansas children.

During October, one provider joined or increased their star level within the Better Beginnings community. Shout out to the most recent facilities to reach a 3-star status. We welcome and congratulate you on your achievement.

#### LINCOLN – Appleseed Academy

If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star ranking, <u>click here</u>.

#### **PROVIDERS | Guided Support**

Are you a child care provider interested in beginning the certification process?

The *Better Beginnings Guide* is designed to support you as you move through the certification process. From document requirements to policy and procedure insight, our guides can help your center-based, family or school-age care program get certified.

Learn more about the certification process and access our specialized guides on our <u>Provider</u> <u>Tools</u> page.



To learn more about Better Beginnings and the resources available, <u>visit</u> our website.

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