

FAMILIES | Play is for Learning

Better Beginnings has new activities to help your child learn through play this month and throughout the year. Check out our latest addition to the Family Resource Library. Find resources en Español here.



Make books mean more

Toddlers enjoy books about children. They like to know there are others "just like me." Stories about children help toddlers connect the written word with real life.



Play it up!

Learn simple ways to have fun with your grandchild while you raise a reader. Also, find out what literacy skills your grandchild needs for kindergarten.

This month's featured resource...

Raising a Reader
Baby's First Year

At a Glance

- At 0 to 3 months:** Babies can grasp objects even if they don't yet hold and use eye books.
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Raising A Reader - Baby's First Year

Learn about the right first books for your baby, how to share them and what kind of books Baby will love next. Find it on the Family Resource Library. Also en Español.

THANK YOU | Better Beginnings Quality Community

Better Beginnings is focused on making quality child care more accessible to families of young children across Arkansas. More high quality access means more kids are better prepared for kindergarten.

The following programs are **new Better Beginnings providers**:

HOT SPRINGS - CLARK COUNTY EARLY LEARNING CENTER (1-star)

TEXARKANA - COURTNEY'S CASTLE (1-star)

FAYETTEVILLE - PARKSIDE PLAYSCHOOL, INC. (3-star)

SILOAM SPRINGS - CORNERSTONE ACADEMY NWA (3-star)

The following programs are **now 2-star Better Beginnings providers**:

SPRINGDALE - KIDDIE CAMPUS CHILD CARE CENTER (FROM 1 TO 2)

LITTLE ROCK - MC DAYCARE ACADEMY, LLC

If you are a Better Beginnings provider and are interested in moving up in star ranking, click [here](#).

PROVIDERS | We Have Resources for You

Thanks to A-State Childhood Services for inviting us to share some parent engagement tips at their Early Childhood Education Statewide Conference this month. If you made it to our sessions, you're probably seeing the **Buzz** for the first time - WELCOME! Find the resources we shared by clicking the button below. In the meantime, be on the lookout for more ways to be a trusted resource to the families you serve.



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