

## FAMILIES | Play is for Learning...

Better Beginnings has new videos and activities to help your child learn through play this month and throughout the year. Check out our latest additions to the Family Resource Library.



Have you used the Interactive Parent Tool on [ARBetterBeginnings.com](http://ARBetterBeginnings.com)? Try it out today to find math, literacy and science activities that help children learn through play.

## This month's featured resource...



### Making Their Mark

A child's journey to writing begins with you. From reading to your baby every day to praising his or her drawing and writing efforts, your child can learn to express thoughts and creativity through writing.

Check out this resource (available in English and Spanish) in our Family Resource Library to help prepare your child for life.

Try it out

## NEWS | Better Beginnings Releases Storybook

Christopher and Chloe are in for an adventure in Better Beginnings' new storybook, *A Little Book of Better Beginnings*. From infancy through preschool, Christopher and Chloe learn through play with the help of their parents and teachers.

*A Little Book of Better Beginnings* helps parents and caregivers of children understand the role of early child care in a child's development. The book is available in both English and Spanish.



[Download your free copy](#)

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## THANK YOU | Better Beginnings Grows 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 that are better prepared for kindergarten. In the last reporting period, Better Beginnings promoted 6 providers and welcomed 2 new providers to the community of quality providers.

The following providers have been promoted to the 3-star level:

**FORDYCE** - Fordyce ABC

**JONESBORO** - Nettleton Pre-K Fox Meadow Elementary

**JONESBORO** - Nettleton Pre-K University Heights Elementary

**LITTLE ROCK** - Baker Elementary School Pre-K

**PERRY** - ARVAC Head Start/Perry Center

**WALDRON** - ARVAC Head Start/Waldron Center #2

The following providers have joined at the 1-star level:

**MOUNTAIN VIEW** - The Learning Tree  
**ROGERS** - Bright Horizons @ FPC Early Learning Center

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

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## PROVIDERS | **Adventures for Toddlers**



Adventures for Toddlers is a comprehensive curriculum for children from 18 months through 26 months. This resource includes curriculum tips and techniques as well as weekly activity plan sheets. Use this resource to develop your weekly plan today.

Try it out

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### **Nutrition and Physical Activity Spring Conference**



**When:** Saturday, April 6, 2019

**Where:** UCA Campus Conway

Brewer-Hegeman Conference Center

**Time:** Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Conference time is 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**Morning and Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

**\*\*\*\*\*Lunch will be provided\*\*\*\*\***

This conference is for any licensed provider who wishes to further their education or is working toward or advancing in Better Beginnings.

This conference meets the nutrition and physical activity component.

**Register on PDR- space is limited**

Sponsored by The Division of Child Care & Early Childhood Education  
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