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LITTLE EAGLES NEST OF HUNTSVILLE AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION IN CHILD CARE SERVICE QUALITY



Better Beginnings congratulates Krista Houston (pictured), owner of Little Eagles Nest of Huntsville, on earning national accreditation.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (March 17, 2022) – [Better Beginnings](#), a program of the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education focusing on giving children the best quality care, congratulates Krista Houston of [Little Eagles Nest](#) in Huntsville on achieving national accreditation by the [National Association for Family Child Care \(NAFCC\)](#).

This accreditation is awarded to child care family home providers that meet the highest standards for home-based quality care in early care and education. This is the only national accreditation awarded to child care family home providers.

“Krista’s dedication to her children and families is to be admired,” said Kelli Hilburn, program administrator of Better Beginnings. “We are proud to celebrate her dedication to increasing the quality of care in her facility.”

Houston achieved accreditation after completing 120 hours of professional development and an extensive application process, including observation and review by the NAFCC's accreditation council. She is one of nine child care family homes in Arkansas that participated in a cohort to achieve this accreditation.

"It's a big accomplishment for all of us, not just me," Houston said. "It wasn't just one person. It was everyone, including our parents and workers, working together."

Any child care family home provider can apply for accreditation on the NAFCC's [website](#). This accreditation results in a child care family home provider advancing to Better Beginnings [Star Level 3](#), the highest quality ranking that can be achieved.

For more information on finding quality child care in Arkansas or to learn more about Better Beginnings, follow their social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), or visit arbetterbeginnings.com.

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[Better Beginnings](#) is Arkansas's tiered quality rating improvement system for child care, early education and school-age programs that have gone above and beyond the state minimum requirements. Better Beginnings is administered by the [Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education](#). Better Beginnings connects Arkansas families with the information and care that helps children experience a safe, happy and healthy childhood.