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MOTHER'S TOUCH PRESCHOOL IN BOONEVILLE AWARDED NATIONAL ACCREDITATION



Better Beginnings congratulates Rita Neve (pictured), owner of Mother's Touch Preschool of Booneville, 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 Rita Neve of [Mother's Touch Preschool](#) in Booneville 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.

“Rita has contributed so much to the early care and education field and the children and families she serves,” said Kelli Hilburn, program administrator of Better Beginnings. “Her commitment to quality and to being a life-long learner makes her a role model for other providers around the state.”

Neve, who has been an early childhood educator for 27 years, achieved accreditation after completing 120 hours of professional development and a lengthy application process that included observation and review by a council. She is one of nine child care family homes in Arkansas that participated in a cohort to achieve this accreditation.

“The accreditation process and goals changed the way I look at things,” Neve said. “I’m always looking for ways to help build the children and this program did that.”

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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About Arkansas Better Beginnings:

[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.