



## A NOTE FROM KELLI HILBURN

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Every year we celebrate the achievements of one special child care provider by naming them the Arkansas Outstanding Early Childhood Professional. This award honors providers who continuously go above and beyond for the children in their care.

You can help us find this person! Nominate a provider you know who works to create a high-quality learning environment and helps young children [reach for the stars](#).

To be considered for the award, nominees must:

- Meet minimum licensing requirements for child care staff.
- Be employed by a facility that is Better Beginnings level 2 or above.
- Be employed in early childhood education for a minimum of 3 years.
- Plan on remaining in early childhood education for 2024.
- Be willing to serve as an early childhood ambassador.

Find more information about the award and the nomination packet on the Better Beginnings [website](#). Nominations are due no later than **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31**.

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Better Beginnings is Arkansas' tiered quality rating and 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 Education and Office of Early Childhood.

