

A NOTE FROM KELLI HILBURN

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

After two years of virtual training and Zoom meetings, we were recently able to gather with you at the [50th Annual A-State Early Childhood Education Conference](#) in Jonesboro. It was so good to see and visit with those who came by the table. Early childhood people really are the greatest in the world.

We also learned so much from the great keynote speakers [Dr. Rebecca Isbell](#) and [Dr. Thomas Moore](#). Dr. Isbell encouraged us to bring more humor into the classroom while Dr. Moore taught us that children will give us courage.

We appreciate [A-State Childhood Services](#) for hosting the conference and for encouraging providers to bring fun into the classroom this upcoming school year.

Keep reading to see some conference moments that we'll be reliving until we see you again at the [Arkansas Early Childhood Association conference](#) October 12-15, 2022 in Little Rock.

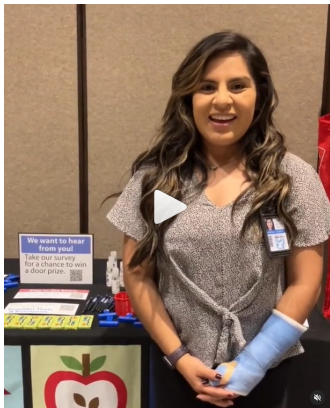
See you then!

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Kelli Hilburn

VIDEO CORNER

WATCH NOW 



Better Beginnings Program Coordinator Brenda Suarez has a special message for providers attending the 50th Annual Early Childhood Education Conference.

Watch Now



We had a great first day at the [@ArkansasState](#) Early Childhood Education Conference. Stop by our booth tomorrow to learn how you can win a free book!

Watch Now



Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Better Beginnings booth. We look forward to seeing you at the [@aeca_info](#) Conference in October!

Watch Now



SURVEY RESULTS

We're reaching for the stars and we need your help to get there. We conducted a survey to learn what's on the mind of our providers.

Based on the results, we found that a growing number of providers are interested in leveling up their current Star Rating. If that sounds like you, check out these resources to help you level up on our [Reach for the Stars page!](#)

Want to provide your input and complete the survey? Click the link below.

Take the
Survey

Providers Ready to Level Up!

Our star levels are indicators of quality for those searching for child care. We're your partner on your journey to continue improving and maintaining quality. We're here to help you reach a new star level or maintain your current level.

Level
Up

Providers Want to Become A Better Beginnings Provider!

Better Beginnings is dedicated to making Arkansas child care and early childhood the best it can be. That means investing in you, our providers. Find the tools you need to become a Better Beginnings program below.

Start Now



BEHIND THE SCENES FUN!

Door Prize WINNERS!

Congratulations to these providers for winning our door prizes! Thank you to everyone who visited us.



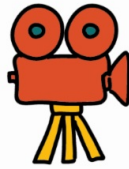
Behind the Scenes



Upcoming Conferences

We're also attending the [Arkansas Early Childhood Association Conference](#) October 12-15, 2022, in Little Rock. We hope to see more of your "Be-YOU-tiful" faces and to gather with you once again for the first time in two years.

Learn
More



CAN WE INTERVIEW YOU?

LEARN MORE ↘



Help us spread the word about the importance of being a Better Beginnings provider!

We want to interview you at the [Arkansas Early Childhood Association Conference](#) October 12-15, 2022, in Little Rock.

Topics include:

- 3-Star Provider Requirements
- 3-Star Provider Importance
- Why should others level-up or become a provider?
- Misconceptions about the Better Beginnings process
- Better Beginnings Trainings
- ARPA Grants

Sign
Up



JOIN US IN OUR GOAL THIS YEAR TO
REACH FOR THE STARS
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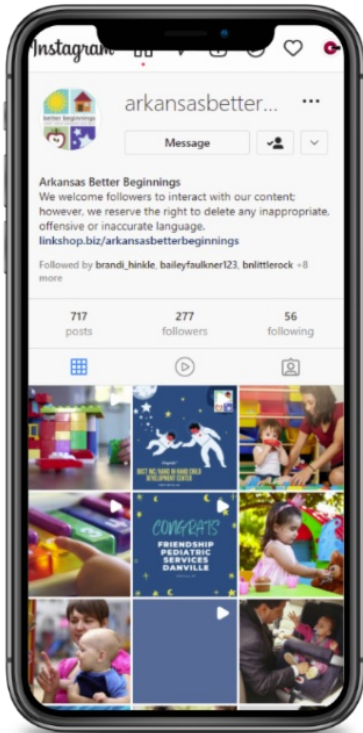


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Better Beginnings means better opportunities. Investing in quality child care for all Arkansas children creates better opportunities for our children, families, workforce and communities.

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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.



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