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**A NOTE FROM
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We can't wait to see you at the 62nd Annual Arkansas Early Childhood **Conference**, October 9-12, 2024 in Little Rock! It will be an exciting time learning how we can make the most of interactions with children and their families.

I'll be joining an exciting lineup of presenters, including keynote speakers **DJ Pryor** and

Hilary Trudell. More early care and education experts are slated to lead interest sessions, including representatives from the **Office of Early Childhood**. We're hosting a session titled "**Connect Four to Connect More! Making Connections with CLASS**." Come learn how the CLASS tool can help you make strong connections with the children in your care.

This year's conference is sure to be a great time. We're looking forward to connecting with each of you. Keep these tips in mind to make the most of your time at the conference:

- Have a goal for what you want to learn
- Attend sessions that align with your goal
- Network with other providers
- Talk with industry leaders

Before you go, check out highlights from last year's conference below and plan to visit our booth.

See you there!



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