



A NOTE FROM KELLI HILBURN

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We thoroughly enjoyed our time at the Arkansas State University Childhood Services conference this week. It was great to see, spend time, and learn with those in attendance more about the importance of play-inspired learning. See some of our favorite moments below, including a session led by our team detailing all the new things happening at Better Beginnings.

You have another opportunity to see us this fall. We'll be at the Arkansas Early Childhood Association **conference** in Little Rock from October 11-14, 2023. If you haven't already, get registered today. You'll hear from leaders in early childhood education that will encourage us to help children *Learn in Motion*.

See you soon!

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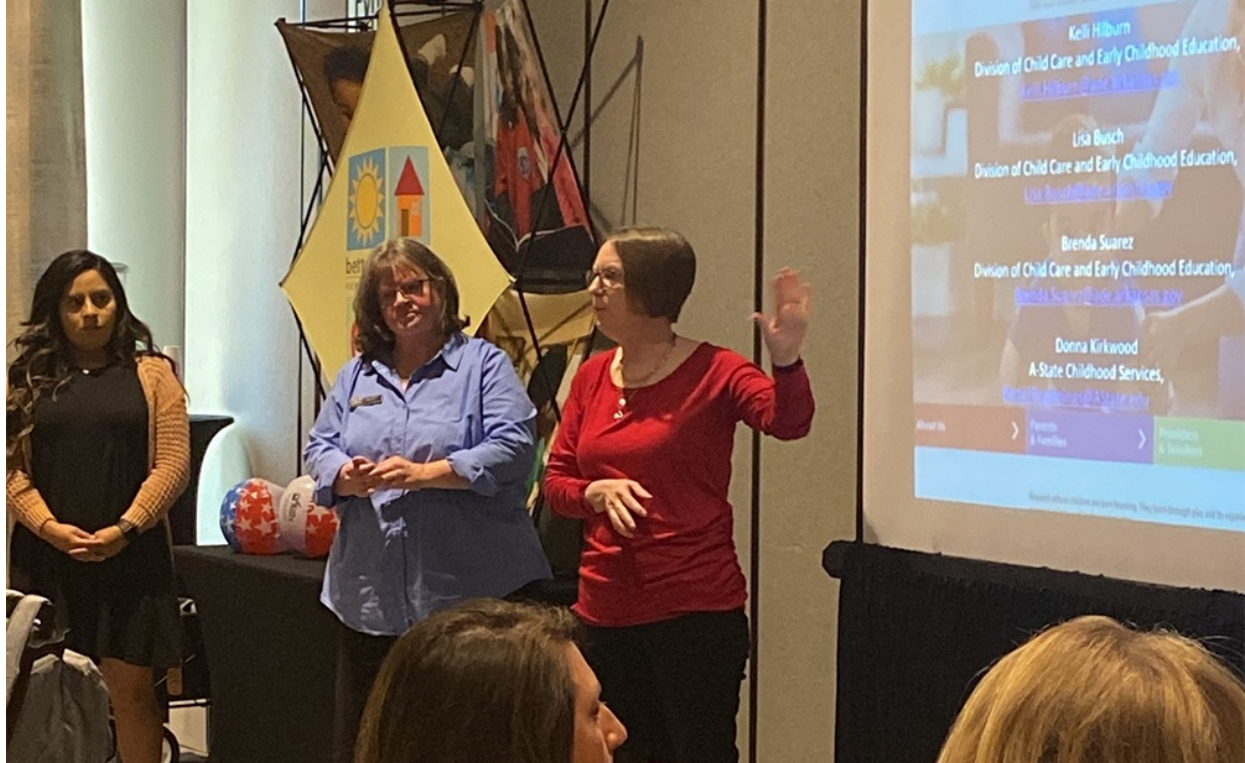
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The Better Beginnings team led a session talking about the new star levels, the application process, and more! You can catch it again at the Arkansas Early Childhood Association Conference in October.



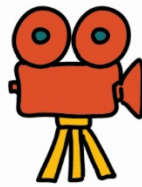
We enjoyed visiting and seeing everyone at our booth! It's always a good time when we get to gather.



We love sharing resources and knowledge with providers. Find the resources we shared with attendees on our [website](#).



We love hearing and helping providers tell their stories. Keep reading to see how you can share yours at the next conference.



CAN WE INTERVIEW YOU?

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Are you a 4, 5, or 6 star provider attending the AECA conference in October? We'd love to hear your story! Contact [Lora Mosley](#) for more information or to schedule a time to be interviewed while attending the conference.

Don't forget to come see us at our booth, where we'll have goodies, resources, and the chance to win some door prizes. Can't wait to see you there!

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