



## A NOTE FROM KELLI HILBURN

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

We enjoyed seeing everyone who attended the 61st annual [Arkansas Early Childhood Association](#) conference! We learned a lot about what learning through play looks like and how it can be done in our classrooms to enhance overall quality.

Check out some of our favorite moments from this year's conference below and see the resources we shared with those in attendance.

A big THANK YOU to all who came by our booth and to those who attended the "What's New in Better Beginnings?" session! It was a pleasure to see you and hear about the great things you are doing in all areas of the state. If you're not already, follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all that's happening and to see all the resources we have to offer.

Until next time,

*Kelli Hilburn*

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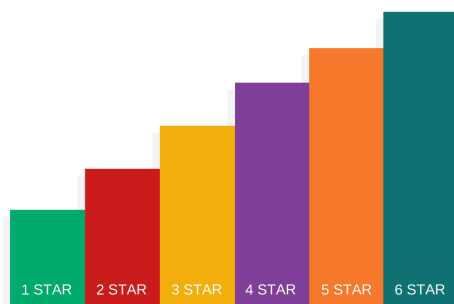
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IS FUN!

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



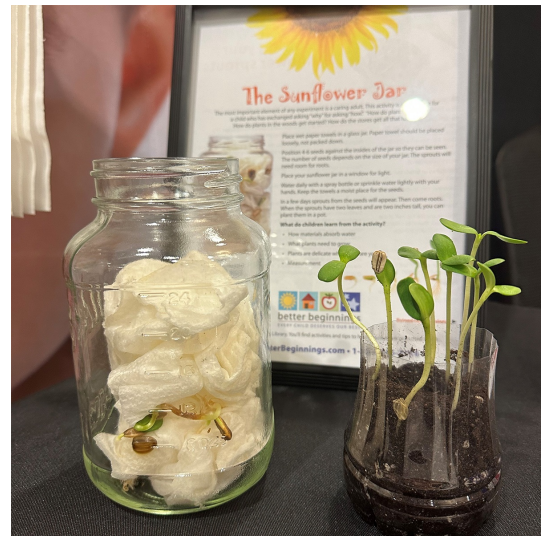
## Share Your Achievement

New Star Kits



Each star level achieved is worth promoting and celebrating. Use our star level kit to invite your community and client families to celebrate with you.

[View the Kit](#)



Did you see the sunflower in a jar our team had on display in the booth? You can set one up and bring nature into your classroom with our resource.

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## CONFERENCE RECAP



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



We enjoyed learning with everyone how to bring more play into the classroom. See more play-based activities in our [Family Resource Library](#).





Many providers shared with us what Better Beginnings means to them. Stay tuned to our social media channels to hear their stories.



The Better Beginnings team is ready to help you in your pursuit of quality. See how we can help on our [website](#).



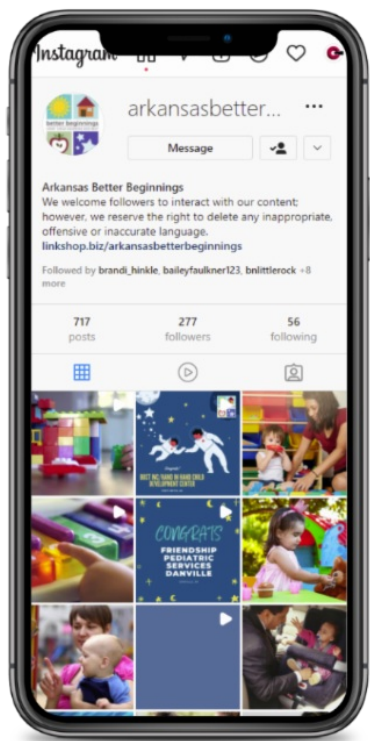
Visiting with you and hearing your stories is the highlight of our year. We can't wait to do it again next year!

# WHAT IS BETTER BEGINNINGS?

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