

State Board of Education Committee on Early Learning  
Monday, March 11, 2024  
1:00 pm

**Members:**

Jon Chadwell	Jackson County	Economic Development Commission
Geania Dickey	Hot Springs County	Technical Assistance
Faye Dismuke	Ouachita County	Center-based care, ABC, Child Care Assistance
Jackie Govan	Lonoke/Pulaski	Head Start/Early Head Start
Shalynn Lane	Fulton County	Family Home Care, ABC
Cole Lester	Washington/Benton	Faith-based, private pay, school-based pre-k
Morgan Warbington	Lonoke	Governor's Office, parent

**Facilitators:**

Leigh Keener, State Board  
Tonya Williams, Office of Early Childhood  
Stacy Smith, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

**Agenda:**

Overview of CCDF Final Rule; presenter: Leigh Keener

- Timeline
- Proposed Changes
- Challenges to Consider in Arkansas
- Next Steps

Overview of Current CCDF Plan

- Leadership and Coordination with Relevant Systems
- Promote Family Engagement through Outreach and Consumer Education
- Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families
- Ensure Equal Access to Child Care for Low-Income Children
- Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings
- Professional Development Framework
- Support Continuous Quality Improvement
- Program Accountability

Materials Provided:

[2024 CCDF Final Rule Overview](#)

[AR CCDF Plan](#), (approved 1/18/24)