

**State Board Committee on Early Learning  
Agenda, April 9, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Auditorium, Arch Ford Building**

Chair:

Leigh Keener, State Board Member

Members:

Jon Chadwell, Geania Dickey, Faye Dismuke, Jackie Govan, Shalynn Lane, Cole Lester,  
Morgan Warbington

Department of Education Members:

Stacy Smith, Deputy Commissioner, DESE

Tonya Williams, Director, Office of Early Childhood

Facilitators:

Denise Airola, Director, Office of Innovation in Education, University of Arkansas,  
Crystal Beshears, Assistant Director, Office of Innovation in Education, University of  
Arkansas

Guest Experts:

Nasha Patel, Managing Director, Watershed Advisors

Ashley LiBetti, Pillars Research and Strategy

Agenda:

- Presentation of 2025 – 2027 Arkansas CCDF State Plan Draft  
Presenter: Nasha Patel  
Resources:  
[Arkansas CCDF State Plan Draft](#)  
[What's in the 25 – 27 CCDF Plan?](#) Child Care Aware of America  
[State Plan Hearing](#), Tuesday, April 30, 10 am, Auditorium, Arch Ford Building
- Presentation of the [Childcare Licensing Analysis](#)  
Presenter: Ashley LiBetti