

Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)

Provider Call



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- Work Sampling/Ounce Deadlines 2026 – 2027
- Professional Development Plan – Michele Davis
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 - Custom Eligibility Information
- OEC Child Care Provider Call – Webinar Registration
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Professional Development Plan



Purpose



Required number of professional development hours in Early Childhood Education

- 15 hours for Paraprofessionals
- 30 hour for Teachers

Mandatory trainings

- Work/Ounce Sampling System Introduction – once
- Work/Ounce Sampling System Refresher – yearly
- CDELS – Child Development Early Learning Standards
- PreK Math and Science
- PreK Relationships and Behavior
- PreK Early Literacy or PreK RISE LETRS

Staff Improvement



Mandatory Training Changes

CHANGES

- PreK Ella, SEL (Social Emotional Learning, and Index Math and Science are no longer offered
- New and updated trainings:
 - PreK Early Literacy/PreK RISE LETRS
 - PreK Relationships and Behavior
 - PreK Math and Science



MANDATORY TRAINING

How long do staff have to complete mandatory trainings?

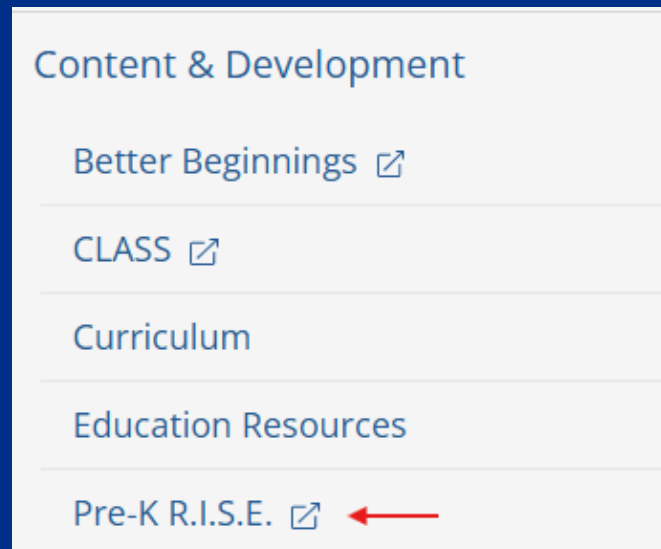
Recommend every other year and with not more than 2 years between trainings.

Who?

PreK Teachers and Paraprofessionals - All/Infant & Toddler staff - Infant Toddler Standards: Arkansas CDELS only

Where?

- PDR
- U of A Early Care and Education Projects
<https://ecep.uark.edu>
- OEC website: Content & Development - Pre-K R.I.S.E
for Launchpad and LETRS



Professional Development Template



Individual Professional Development Plan

School Year: Time Frame: June 1st - May 31st or July 1st - June 30th

ABC Agency: ABC Site:

Staff Name: PDR Number:

Required Content Area	Projected Registration Date	Date of Completion	Hours of Completion
New Staff Orientation (Required by Licensing): - AR New Staff Orientation/Childcare Orientation Training (8 hrs.) - *Refresher Course every 3 years			
CPR/First Aid (Required by Licensing)			
Quality Assessment (*required training): - *Classroom Quality Assessment Training			
Child Assessment (*required training): - *Work Sampling/Ounce for New Staff (12 hours) - Work Sampling/Ounce Refresher (annually) - Other (List name of course and attach course description): <input type="text"/>			
The following are not required to be completed the first year of professional development planning.			
Child Development and Early Learning Standards (CDELS) (*required training): - *CDELS (21 hours) - Other (List name of course and attach course description): <input type="text"/>			

Social-Emotional Learning (*required training): - *Pre-K Relationships and Behavior (45 hours)			
- Conscious Discipline Six-Day Initial Course (36 hours)			
- Other (List name of course and attach course description): <input type="text"/>			
Emergent Literacy: - Launchpad (9 hours)			
- LETRS for Early Childhood Educators (35.5 hours)			
- *PreK Early Literacy			
- Other (List name of course and attach course description): <input type="text"/>			

Early Childhood Math/Science (*required training): - Pre-K Math and Science (30 hours)*			
- Other (List name of course and attach course description):			

Additional Training – Select Key Content Area from the drop down menu. List name of course and attach course description:			
Select <input type="text"/>			
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CLASS® (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) additional training. Name of course and attach course description:			

Coaching Plan:

- 1) *Training is not considered complete if only partial hours are taken.*
- 2) *An updated copy of the Individual Professional Development Plan should be uploaded and maintained in the individual staff record in COPA eDocs.*
- 3) *Plans shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.*

Supervisor Signature: Date:

EC Staff Signature: Date:

Currently, we do not have a required Classroom Quality Assessment Training.

PDR

- CLASS® 2nd Edition Intro to Interactions for Educators
- CLASS® 2nd Edition Interaction Essentials for Educators

Request a training
 University of Arkansas Early Care and Education Projects
<https://ecep.uark.edu/class/>



Professional Development Plan

- Requirement on the ABC Grant Agreement
- Required for all full-time teaching staff
- Uploaded yearly in COPA Staff edocs
- Part of the ABC Monitoring process



COPA Required Field – Custom Eligibility Information



If you are utilizing an option other than income for eligibility, please use the custom eligibility points information as well to select the option. For example, low birth weight.

This helps ABC identify and collect data on how useful these additional criteria are to programs.

Custom Eligibility Points Information	
*Year(s) in Program Years in program outside of parentheses is calculated by COPA :	
HS	EHS
Has the child had exposure to death in the immediate family or experienced other childhood family trauma?	
Did Screening for Program eligibility indicate multiple risk factors?	
Total Home Visits During the Year	
Total Hours Student Spent in DCFS Licensed Child Care Center	
Is marked with (*) are required for PIR report	

Please Select

- Select all
- Non-parental custody/not living with Mother/Father
- Arrested/Convicted of Drug Offense
- No HS Diploma
- Waiver
- Low Birth Weight
- Parent < 18 yrs. of age at birth
- Substance Abuse/Addiction
- History of Abuse/Neglect/Victim
- Parents cannot read
- Title I
- IDEA
- Developmental Delay
- Active Duty
- Waiver-Age
- Waiver-Income
- Waiver-Kindergarten
- P3



Statewide Provider Call – May 5, 2026

The Office of Early Childhood statewide provider call is held the first Tuesday of every month, from 12:00 – 1:00. These calls are recorded as well and posted on the OEC website. You need to registry for each provider call as there is a new webinar link!

[Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Offices - Early Childhood - Informational Provider Calls](#)

The screenshot shows the website for the Division of Elementary & Secondary Education. The header includes the division logo, the name of the Secretary, Jacob Oliva, and a language selection dropdown. The navigation menu includes links for About, Stakeholders, State Board, Offices, Directory, Tools, and Search. The main content area is titled 'Informational Provider Calls' and features a 'NEW MEETING LINK' section with a Zoom link and a 'Previous Meetings' section listing past calls from February 2026, January 2026, and November 2025.

Informational Provider Calls

NEW MEETING LINK - The Monthly Provider Calls are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. The purpose of these meetings is to provide announcements, updates, Provider highlights, etc. To attend these meetings, please register here: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ezi991LVT_GR2x9JRt0X4w After you register, a link to join the meeting will be emailed to you.

Previous Meetings:

- [February 3, 2026 - Child Care Provider - YouTube](#)
 - [PowerPoint - Provider Call \(February 3, 2026\)](#)
 - [Provider Call FAQ - 2.3.26](#)
- [January 6, 2026 - Child Care Provider - YouTube](#)
 - [PowerPoint - Provider Call \(January 6, 2026\)](#)
 - [Provider Call FAQ - 1.6.26](#)
- [November 4, 2025 - Child Care Provider - YouTube](#)
 - [PowerPoint - Provider Call \(November 4, 2025\)](#)



Mid-Year and Final Expenditure Reports

Reminder, two expenditure reports are due throughout the year. You can find updated templates for both reports on our [website](#). Please remember these reports are a requirement of your ABC Grant Agreement.

- These shall be submitted to copasupport.mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov.
- **Final Expenditure report is due July 31, 2026.**



Work Sampling and Ounce Deadlines

Key Differences for Ounce/Work Sampling Deadlines

The difference in finalization timelines between the Work Sampling System and the Ounce Scale. While WSS follows the three established checkpoint deadlines, Ounce Scale developmental profiles are finalized at the end of each age level rather than on those same checkpoint dates.

WSS 2026-2027 Finalization Deadlines

Plan Ahead for a Successful School Year!

Finalization Dates

	Collection Period 1	October 23, 2026
	Collection Period 2	February 12, 2027
	Collection Period 3	May 7, 2027

Helpful Reminders

Document Weekly	Check Accuracy	Run Reports	Finalize on Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Enter data consistently	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review rosters & info	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monitor progress regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meet each deadline

Need help reviewing reports or finalizing ratings?
Your Child Assessment Coach is available to support you.

Questions? We're here to help!
✉ afranks@astate.edu | ☎ (870) 972-3055 | (888) 429-1585



2026 – 2027 Grant Renewal and Notification Letter

The Office of Early Childhood has received approval of the slot allocation for 2026 – 2027 school year.

- Please be on the lookout over the next week for notification of award letters, along with your grant agreement. If you do not have the correct Coordinator and Authorized Representative listed in COPA currently – please email copasupport.mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov to update that information.



Questions?