

Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)

Provider Call



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- Billing Due Date
- Professional Development Plan
- OEC Child Care Provider Call
- Waitlisted Families



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Billing is due on the 5th of each month. If this falls on a weekend, it is due the following Monday.

Programs who do not have billing completed will not receive payment.



- All programs will be receiving a notice of enrollment-based payment for the remainder of the school year. These will be emailed to programs and reflect the current grant agreement of maintaining 100% enrollment.
- If your program does not operate on a 178-day calendar, you will also receive your lowered payments in your last two payments.
- If you have any questions about enrollment, or you need assistance please put in a ticket at copasupport@mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov.

Beginning July 1, 2026, all publicly funded classrooms, including ABC will be expected to receive two CLASS observations with four cycles each program year.

This includes ABC classrooms in Head Start agencies. These observations will take place during the fall and spring.

You will receive communication from your local lead regarding trainings and CLASS observations.

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OEC CLASS

SRA Waitlist



Thank you for submitting your enrollment information last month!

In an effort to link families to programs that have open enrollment, our SRA team will be sharing ABC program contact information. You may receive calls/emails regarding enrollment from families on the SRA waitlist that would be eligible for ABC.



Statewide Provider Call – March 3, 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, Arkansas Department of Education. The page is titled "Informational Provider Calls". At the top, there is a header with the division name, a photo of Jacob Oliva (Secretary), and a language selection dropdown. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: About, Stakeholders, State Board, Offices, Directory, Tools, and Search. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is a sidebar menu for "Early Childhood" with items: About OEC, Annual Report, Arkansas Better Chance Program (ABC), Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, Arkansas Office of Early Childhood Strategic Plan, Behavior Help, Child Care Licensing, Contact OEC, Content & Development, Educational Fliers, and Electronic Background Check. The right column contains the main content for "Informational Provider Calls". It features a "NEW MEETING LINK" section with text: "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." Below this is a "Previous Meetings:" section with a list of links for past calls: February 3, 2026 - Child Care Provider - YouTube (with sub-link for PowerPoint), January 6, 2026 - Child Care Provider - YouTube (with sub-link for PowerPoint), and November 4, 2025 - Child Care Provider - YouTube (with sub-link for PowerPoint).



Questions?