

Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)

2025-2026 Provider Call





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Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) Agenda



- Important Dates
- Trainings/Resources Website
- Statewide Provider Call – March 4, 2025
- Next ABC Provider Call – March 18, 2025 (Monthly)
- Program Recruitment and School District Calendars (How does your school get to 178 days?)
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Questions & Answers



Important Dates

- March 4th – Statewide Child Care Provider Call
- March 5th – Billing Due
- March 7th – Summer ABC Intent Letters Due
- March 18th – ABC Provider Call

Trainings & Resources



A tip for ABC providers is to bookmark the Trainings & Resources section of our website. We will be posting recorded meetings, training videos, and other resources here throughout the school year.

[Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Offices - Early Childhood - Arkansas Better Chance Program \(ABC\) - Training Videos and Resources](#)

A screenshot of the Arkansas Better Chance Program (ABC) website. The page is titled "Training Videos and Resources" and features a list of upcoming office hours for 2025. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with links to "Early Childhood", "About OEC", "Arkansas Better Chance Program (ABC)", "COPA, Curriculum & Screening Tools", "ABC Program Forms and Documents", "Pre-K R.I.S.E. (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence)", "Training Videos and Resources", "Arkansas Early Childhood Commission", "Arkansas Office of Early Childhood Strategic Plan", "Behavior Help", "Better Beginnings", and "Child Care Licensing". The main content area includes a welcome message from OEC, a list of office hours, a "Join Zoom Meeting" link, and a "Recorded Meetings" section.

Early Childhood

About OEC

Arkansas Better Chance Program (ABC)

- COPA, Curriculum & Screening Tools
- ABC Program Forms and Documents
- Pre-K R.I.S.E. (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence)
- Training Videos and Resources

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission

Arkansas Office of Early Childhood Strategic Plan

Behavior Help

Better Beginnings

Child Care Licensing

Training Videos and Resources

OEC would like to welcome all ABC providers to join us in 2025 for ABC office hours via Zoom.

- January 8, 2025 - 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
- January 15, 2025 - 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
- January 29, 2025 - 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
- February 5, 2025 - 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
- February 12, 2025 - 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.
- February 26, 2025 - 12:00p.m.-1:00p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91461066428?pwd=xvPGN0VjJ4NCTyYVQjdjJEtgPirw5.1>

Meeting ID: 914 6106 6428
Passcode: 767594

Recorded Meetings



Statewide Provider Call – March 4, 2025

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.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Offices - Early Childhood - Informational Provider Calls

A screenshot of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education website. The header includes the department logo, the name "JACOB OLIVA, Secretary | Read Bio", and a "Select Language" dropdown. The navigation bar has links for "About", "Stakeholders", "State Board", "Offices", "Directory", "Tools", and "Search". The main content area is titled "Informational Provider Calls" and features a left sidebar with links to "Local Leads", "OEC Apps Portal", "OEC Dashboards", "OEC Policies", "OEC Quicklinks", "Professional Development", "Proposed Rules & Public Notices", "Report a Concern About a Child Care Center", "Reports & Publications", "School Readiness Assistance Program", "SRA Portal", and "10 Minutes Matter". The main content area lists upcoming calls: "October 23, 2023 - Child Care Background Check Call" and "July 27, 2023 - Child Care Background Check Call". It also includes a section for "Informational Provider Calls" with details about a live training session on the electronic verification system. The page concludes with "Join via phone" and "Join via computer" information, and a "Previous Meetings" section listing past calls from February and January 2025, along with a "Background Check Expirations Sheet" link.



ABC Provider Call

The ABC provider call will be held **monthly**, beginning March 18th, 2025. We will meet the third Tuesday of every month.

The link for the monthly call will be sent via email, and posted to our website. You will also see reminders via the COPA data system.

Topic Survey

Please continue to use the survey link to add your input on topics of discussion going forward.

Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)
Topics





Creative Ideas

- **First, we want to hear from all programs.**
 - Add your answers to the Chat box:
 - *What creative ways does your program recruit families for enrollment? What is working well?*

- **We want to hear from our school district programs!**
 - Add your answers in the Chat box:
 - *If your district is on an alternative calendar, what creative ways making your goal of 178 days?*

Early Childhood Special Education



The Early Childhood Special Education department has a large list of resources for programs and families.

[Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Offices - Special Education - Early Childhood Special Education](#)

TIP

The EC Special Education department has a technical assistance section for providers:

[Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Offices - Special Education - Technical Assistance Providers](#)

A screenshot of the Arkansas Department of Education website. The header includes the state seal, the text "DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION", a photo of Jacob Oliva (Secretary), and a language selection dropdown. A navigation bar contains links for About, Stakeholders, State Board, Offices, Directory, Tools, and Search. The main content area is titled "Early Childhood Special Education". On the left is a sidebar menu with links to various special education topics. The main content area features two large images: "Birth to Two Years" showing a family and "Three to Five Years" showing children in a classroom. Below these images is contact information for Danita Pitts, Administrator of Early Childhood Special Education (B-5), including her address, phone, fax, and email. The URL at the bottom of the page is https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/special-education/accessible-educational-materials-aem/.

Early Childhood Special Education

Birth to Two Years

Three to Five Years

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Next Call March 18, 2025!