

# Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)

Provider Call





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# Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) Agenda

- COPA Grant Renewal – Due May 29
- COPA Pre-Rollover
- COPA Required Fields
  - Custom Eligibility Information
- OEC Child Care Provider Call – Webinar Registration
- Required Reports
  - Final Expenditure Reports and Final Disclosure Reports
  - Final Staff Qualification Progress (SQP) Reports
- Summer Programming
- Federal Pre-K Transition
- ABC Coordinators Training 2026 – 2027

# Pre-Rollover in COPA



As a reminder, please submit Pre-Rollover before leaving for the summer. This action is due May 22, 2026.

- To perform pre-rollover, you will need **Admin** access.
- You must rollover both Child and Family.
- Children should be placed on the **Recertify / Back to Waiting List** or **Archive** list. **If they were on the Returning/Back to Eligible List, the OEC team has placed them back to Eligible.** Please verify that all children are correctly placed.
- The OEC team sent out additional pre-rollover instructions by email. Please email us if you do not currently have Admin access. [copasupport.mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:copasupport.mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov)

# 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 :	
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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 – June 2, 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 with items: Early Childhood, 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. It starts with the heading "Informational Provider Calls" in green. Below this is 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](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: "February 3, 2026 - Child Care Provider - YouTube" (with sub-link "PowerPoint - Provider Call (February 3, 2026)"), "Provider Call FAQ - 2.3.26", "January 6, 2026 - Child Care Provider - YouTube" (with sub-link "PowerPoint - Provider Call (January 6, 2026)"), "Provider Call FAQ - 1.6.26", and "November 4, 2025 - Child Care Provider - YouTube" (with sub-link "PowerPoint - Provider Call (November 4, 2025)").



You can find updated templates for these 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](mailto:copasupport@mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov).
- **Final Expenditure report is due July 31, 2026.**
- **Staff Qualification Plan (SQP) Final Progress Reports are due July 31, 2026.**
- **Final Disclosure Audit is due 120 days after your program year ends.**
  - LEA programs are not required to complete a final disclosure audit.
  - Non-LEA programs who receive \$750,000 or more in funding, must submit a final disclosure audit.



# Summer Programming

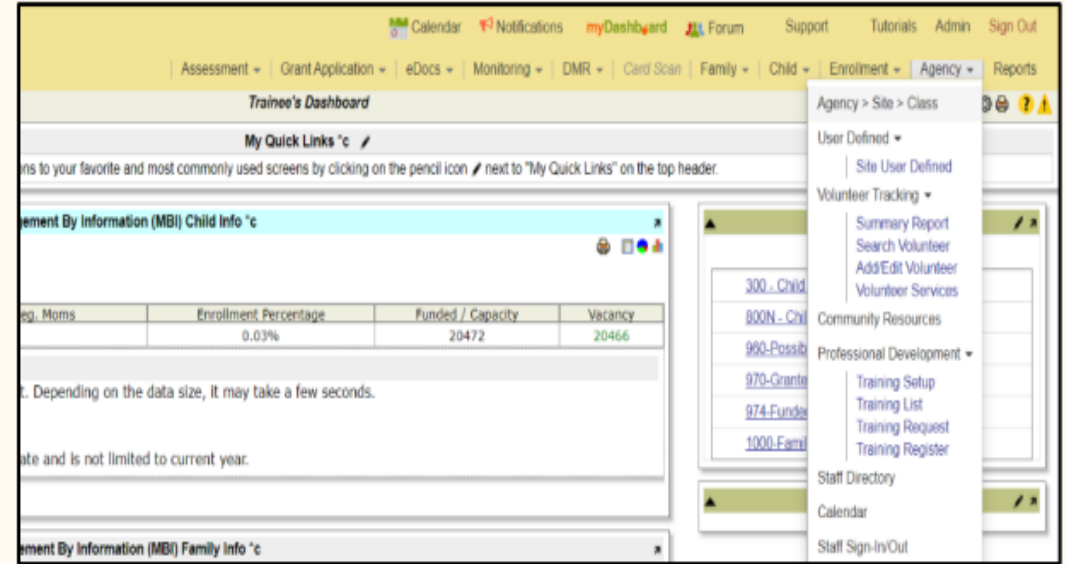
- All children to be enrolled into Summer Programming must be updated no later than **May 22, 2026**. If your program begins prior to this date, all relevant documents must be uploaded before the program's start date.
  - ❖ Please submit your rosters using the template provided. **Rosters must be uploaded to COPA under Agency eDocs.**
  - ❖ The programs will be responsible for enrolling all children into the correct Summer classroom under the correct Program model and option
  - ❖ All ABC children should be under the ***ABC Summer*** Program Model and those remaining as Federal Pre-K should remain under the current Program Model of ***CCDF Pre-K***.
  - ❖ Should you have any questions as it relates to program models or summer classrooms, please reach out to [copasupport.mailaccount@ade.Arkansas.gov](mailto:copasupport.mailaccount@ade.Arkansas.gov)

**Failure to place the child under the correct Program Model & Option may result in non-payment.**

# ABC Summer Weekly Attendance

- Enter attendance weekly. You may do this daily as well. Your attendance should be entered exactly as you do during the normal program year, however you will select your Summer classrooms.
- Not entering attendance may cause a delay in your payments.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to us.
- [copasupport.mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:copasupport.mailaccount@ade.arkansas.gov)

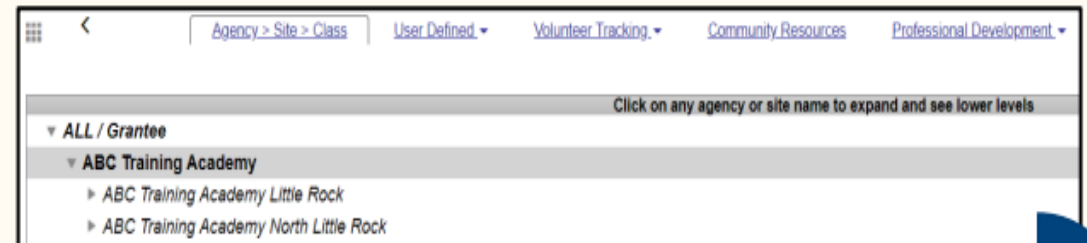
1. Click on the “Agency” tab at the top on your screen
2. Select “Agency>Site>Class” in the drop-down menu



3. Click on the triangle next to “ALL/Grantee” to expand options



4. Click on the triangle next to your **Agency** name, then click on the triangle next to your **Site** name to expand options



5. Click on the triangle next to your **Site** name to expand options and click “(Attendance)”

# ABC Summer Weekly Attendance

1. Click the pencil icon next to "Child Attendance & Meal Count"



2. a. Click the check box  above the "A" (Attendance) to check all children in attendance



3. Click the  button





ABC Programs that also serve Federal Pre-K students will be required to transition those children into ABC program models in COPA by **May 27, 2026**.

- This will allow you to receive your final Federal PreK payment for those children.
- They will be ready for rollover for the 2026 – 2027 program year.
- This will assist in no delayed payment for the next program year.
- You **MUST** verify ABC eligibility for each child before updating the program model/option in COPA.
- These children will transition from **CCDF Pre-K** to **ABC**. Select the applicable program option.
- If they are attending ABC Summer, you will change the model from **CCDF Pre-K** to **ABC Summer**.



**Our annual ABC Coordinator Training will be June 25 – 26, 2026.**

We will be sending out save the dates through email as well.

- The training will be via Zoom and recorded.
- The first day will be programming, day 2 will be mostly financial guidance.
- All new coordinators are required to attend. If you cannot attend those dates, please notify us.



**Questions?**