

Welcome to the Monthly Provider Call.



**The meeting will
begin at 12:00 pm.**

Meeting Agenda

- Tonya Williams - Welcome
- Alexis Nolden – Record Keeping Tips
- Todd Grindal– Survey Announcement
- Tim Cain – Transportation Grant
- Brandy Ishmon - Updates



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Alexis Nolden

Record Keeping Tips

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Todd Grindal

Survey Announcement

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Arkansas Early Childhood Well-Being and Behavior Survey



- SRI Education is partnering with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) on a project to help ensure Arkansas ECE providers are connected to available support to meet children's behavioral and social skill needs.
- SRI Education sent a random sample of directors and child care family home providers an email invitation to participate in a survey with the subject line “**Support Young Children: Please Complete the AR Early Childhood Well-Being and Behavior Survey**”
 - This email contains your personalized survey link.
 - Participants who complete the 15-minute survey will receive a **\$40 Walmart gift card**.
 - Your participation is **voluntary**.
 - We are **not evaluating** your abilities or the performance of your organization.
 - We won't include your name or the name of your program in any reports.

Look for an email from
Arkansas.ece@sri.com
to complete a survey and
receive a \$40 Walmart gift card



Tim Cain

Transportation Modernization Grant

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ADE Launches Transportation Modernization Grant Program

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is pleased to launch the \$5 million Transportation Modernization Grant Program. Created through the LEARNS Act, the program focuses on innovative approaches to transportation for students who attend public schools, open-enrollment charter schools, and licensed child care centers serving publicly-funded students.

"Like every parent, I know the challenge of getting your kids out the door and to school on time," Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders said. "Through Arkansas LEARNS, we established this new grant program to help schools meet parents where they are and provide efficient transportation to families across the state."

"Traditional routes for school buses and established bus stops can sometimes be underutilized and inefficient," ADE Secretary Jacob Oliva said. "Modernizing the way students get to and from school is long overdue, and this grant will recognize efforts to reimagine transportation."

The application cycle opens today and closes on January 31, 2025. At least 25 percent of the grants will be awarded to support rural and remote public school districts. The following entities are eligible to apply:

- Public school districts,
- Open-enrollment public charter schools,
- Early childhood care and education programs or their local early childhood coordinators,
- Cities,
- Towns,
- Counties,
- Education service cooperatives, and
- Non-profit organizations.

A committee will score applications based on student safety, cost effectiveness, innovation, and the need and demand.



ADE Launches Transportation
Modernization Grant Program

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https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Files/transportation_modernization_grant2_COMM.pdf



ADE Transportation Modernization Grant Questions Document



<https://tinyurl.com/8zbrz7r8>

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Brandy Ishmon

Updates

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Remaining Dates for SRA Provider Office Hours



- January 6, 2025
- January 13, 2025
- January 20, 2025
- January 27, 2025

12:00pm to 1:00pm



Join Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/93854818626?pwd=hGLfbpJYnUYEjo2g0jBmognGPFQbQX.1>

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Passcode: 532922



For Problems With Billing That You Cannot Submit A Ticket



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For Problems With Profiles That You Cannot Submit A Ticket



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Infant Toddler Contracts

- Contracts have been awarded.
- All recipients and applicants have been notified.
- If more funding becomes available, current applicants who were not awarded will be considered.



- **New ABC Rules Have Been Approved and Were Effective December 1, 2024.**
- **OEC Office Hours for ABC Programs - 12:00pm to 1:00pm:**
 - January 8, 2025
 - January 15, 2025
 - January 29, 2025

 - February 5, 2025
 - February 12, 2025
 - February 26, 2025

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Inclement Weather Billing

Participants may bill for inclement weather/emergency circumstances while closed. Please refer to the following guidelines:

- **Severe weather conditions** – usually where public schools in the Participant's area have been forced to close/whenever other extraordinary weather-related conditions exist.
- **Upload supporting documentation** - for closure in SRA portal digital locker.

**Examples: notices regarding school closure or weather-related news articles for your area*





NEXT MEETING

February 4 at 12:00pm

Find the recording of today's meeting here:

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

