

Welcome to the Monthly Provider Call.



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

Meeting Agenda

- **Tonya Williams** – Welcome
- **Michelle Osborne** – Hand Hygiene
- **Onika Luster** – Screen Time Regulation
- **Brandy Ishmon** - Billing Updates
- **Jennifer Douglas** – CLASS Update
– Fall Town Hall



Tonya Williams

Welcome

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Michelle Osborne

Hand Hygiene

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TOPIC 9: HAND HYGIENE



AGENDA

- Introduction
- Hand Hygiene
- Reflection & Next Steps

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe two (2) reasons **why having clean hands is especially important in healthcare.**
- Discuss two (2) reasons **why hands are a main way that germs can spread** in the environment.

Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene means cleaning your hands by using either handwashing (washing hands with soap and water), antiseptic hand wash, antiseptic hand rub (i.e., alcohol-based hand sanitizer including foam or gel), or surgical hand antisepsis.

GERMS CAN SPREAD FROM SURFACES



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Healthcare workers touch a lot of items during their workday, so being diligent about hand hygiene matters.
- Some parts of the hands make it easier for germs to grow, like between fingers, under the fingernails, and in breaks in the skin. That's why we need to clean our hands very well.

Hand Hygiene



Onika Luster

Screen Time Regulation

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Screen Time Activities

MLR 400.401.16 - The use of television, Digital Versatile Disc (DVDs), video cassettes, computer or video games, and other screen time activities shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Shall be prohibited for children younger than two (2) years of age (the use of DVDs or other video programs for any activities with this age group would have to be approved through an alternative compliance request);
- b. Shall be limited to programs of educational value which are age-appropriate;
- c. Shall be scheduled and shall not exceed one (1) hour daily per child or group of children. Children shall not be required to participate in screen time activities and shall be offered other choices. (Viewing time may be extended for special events or occasions such as a current event, holiday or birthday celebration, or for the occasional viewing of age-appropriate movies, or other programs that may exceed one (1) hour in length); and
- d. Educational computer learning periods for children below five (5) years of age may not exceed two (2) hours a day per child or group of children. Educational computer-learning periods for children five (5) years of age and older may exceed two (2) hours per day.





Brandy Ishmon

Billing Updates

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Care Type Changes

- ❖ Children receiving ABC, Federal Pre-K, Medicaid, etc. funding should not have a Full-Time authorization during regular school session
- ❖ Please review authorization worksheets
 - ❖ Notify OEC if changes are needed to avoid improper payment/adverse action
- ❖ ADE will not permit billing Full-Time for school age children during regular school session.
- ❖ Children who are only billed in the SRA portal should not be listed in CCDF Federal Pre-K or entered in COPA as CCDF Federal Pre-K



Jennifer Douglas

- CLASS Transition Year
- Fall Town Halls

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CLASS Transition Year

- In the 2025-2026 transition year OEC will:
Scale the CLASS tool statewide by observing every classroom at least once and finalize decisions on reporting and calculations to give results to providers by fall 2026
- **Position local leads** to be full implementation partners of the state's efforts by submitting an annual child count, coordinated funding request, and local plans as well as conducting regional information campaigns on early childhood options for families and coordinating the states QRIS implementation efforts
- Such that in the 2026-2027 full implementation year, OEC will position:
 - **The CLASS tool** to be the main measure of and driver towards quality in all publicly-funded classrooms across the state for the QRIS
 - **Local leads will be full implementation partners for state efforts**, with plans that align all local efforts to state priorities

2025 Town Hall

Fall Schedule		
Time: 10 am - 12 pm		
09/03/2025	Plumerville	Arch Ford ESC, 101 Bulldog Drive, Hargis Building
09/10/2025	Hope	SWAEC - 2502 S Main St. Hope, AR - Conference Rooms A,B, & C
09/17/2025	El Dorado	El Dorado Chamber of Commerce 111 W Main St, El Dorado, AR 71730
09/24/2025	Blytheville	Arkansas Northeastern College- 2501 S. Division St. Blytheville, AR. 72315 Governors Ballroom
10/1/2025	Fort Smith	UAFS - Echols Conference Center



NEXT MEETING

September 2 at 12:00pm

Find the recording of today's meeting here:

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

