

Welcome to the Monthly Provider Call.



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

Meeting Agenda

- **Tonya Williams** – Welcome
- **Jennifer Douglas** – CLASS Update
- **Kelly Haley**– HQIM
- **Tonya Williams** – Measles Resources & Updates



Tonya Williams

Welcome

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Jennifer Douglas

CLASS Updates

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CLASS in Arkansas in 2025-2026

In 2025-2026, CLASS observations will be conducted at scale in Arkansas, which means that local leads will coordinate observations for every B-5 classroom in publicly-funded sites.

In practice, this will look like:

- Every B-5 **classroom** in a publicly-funded site will be required to receive at least one locally- coordinated observations a year.
- Every **publicly-funded site** will collaborate with local leads on locally-coordinated observations. CLASS® scores gathered during the transition year will be shared with providers to support quality improvement, but will not count toward Better Beginnings ratings.
- **Local leads** will coordinate all local observations, ensure all data is reported, and connect providers with improvement resources.
- **Third party validators** will take place in sites through a sampling of all classrooms to ensure observation reliability.

The state will monitor progress year-round, run real time analysis of fall and spring data and reports results, support sites, local leads, and vendors, and revise policy and strategy as necessary.



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HQIM Updates

High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) refers to curriculum and teaching materials that are designed to be effective, engaging, and aligned with learning standards.

- **July 2025** – HQIM Curriculum Review Team met to learn how to use the HQIM and practice scoring using a curriculum from the interim list
- Teams with specialized training in the HQIM process are actively scoring curricula from the interim-approved list and will soon commence evaluations of newly submitted curricula.
- **Rubric and updated interim list are now available on the DESE Website**
- The **Approved Curriculum List** will be released in the **Spring of 2026**



[HQIM Information on the
DESE Website](#)



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Measles Resources & Updates

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RESOURCES

- [Measles Cases and Outbreaks | Measles \(Rubeola\) | CDC](#) – As of July 29, a total of 1,333 confirmed measles cases were reported to CDC by 40 jurisdictions.
- [Preparing and Responding to Measles: Checklist for K-12 Schools](#) and [Preparing and responding to Measles: Checklist for early care and education centers](#) – CDC developed measles preparedness and response checklists tailored for K-12 schools and early care and education centers. These checklists are intended for staff working in these facilities and settings to use in collaboration with their state or local health department. The checklists focus on implementation, specifically how to prepare for measles and what to do in the first 10 minutes after a measles case is suspected.
- Both checklists are also included in the [Be Ready for Measles Toolkit](#).



NEXT MEETING

October 7 at 12:00pm

Find the recording of today's meeting here:

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