



# OEC Monthly Provider Call

**Arkansas  
Department  
of Education**

**Office of Early  
Childhood**

**JANUARY 6, 2026**





**Ashelyn  
Abney  
Welcome!**





# Dr. Chris Barnes

## SRA Updates



# School Readiness Assistance (SRA) Reminders

- **SRA Rates and Quality Payments in effect from Nov 1**
- **Payments processed weekly (SRA processed on Tuesday for the previous week and Quality payments following immediately thereafter)**
- **Unbilled authorizations deobligate after 30 days**
- **Family eligibility reviewed every 13 months**
- **Waitlist remains active**

**Dr. Chris  
Barnes**

**SRA Updates**





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**CLASS**

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# Gina Gillam

## Day Camp Learning Center





# Ashelyn Abney

## New Meeting Platform





**Ashelyn  
Abney**

**Provider  
Vendor Survey**





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2026

**State Holidays**

Legal holidays by authority of Act 304 of 2001 and  
Amended by Act 561 of 2017.

January 1 . . . . .	New Year's Day
January 19. . . . .	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
February 16 . . . . .	George Washington's Birthday and Daisy Gatson Bates Day
May 25 . . . . .	Memorial Day
July 4 . . . . .	Independence Day (Observed on Friday, July 3, 2026)
September 7 . . . . .	Labor Day
November 11 . . . . .	Veterans Day
November 26 . . . . .	Thanksgiving Day
December 24 . . . . .	Christmas Eve
December 25 . . . . .	Christmas Day



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**2026 State  
Holidays**





# Questions?

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