

# Hot Topic Session 2

## *“ABC Updates/Reminders”*

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# 87<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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- Will convene on January 12, 2009
- Items that could effect early childhood
  - Interim study for Birth-5 License/Credential
  - Mental health
  - Foster care



# **Governor's Recommendations for the ABC Program**

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- 2010- \$2.8 million increase  
2011- \$5.6 million increase
  
- Dependent upon passage by House and Senate



# Eligibility date for 2009/2010

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- All children must be 3 or 4 years old by **September 1, 2009.**
- Children who turn 5 years old between September 1-September 15 will be eligible to attend ABC for an additional year.



# Finance

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- Mid-year expenditure report
  - Due January 31, 2009
  - Only send in documentation if it is requested by an ABC Financial Specialist



# Dual Enrollment

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- ❑ Children can be enrolled in a center-based program AND a home-visiting program.
- ❑ Must meet 1 additional risk factor
  - Other than income
- ❑ Do NOT encourage parents to drop their child from a program.
- ❑ Center-based program is responsible for WSS or OUNCE and dev. screening.



# COPA-Enrollment/Payment

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- ❑ Click on Reports tab
- ❑ 204-Detailed Enrollment Report
- ❑ Run each month on the 5<sup>th</sup>
- ❑ Print a copy for your records



# Advanced COPA Trainings

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- ❑ December 15: 10:00a.m.
- ❑ December 16: 6:00p.m.
- ❑ Conducted on WebEx
- ❑ Sign-up on the Registry
- ❑ Contact: [jennifer.spriggs@arkansas.gov](mailto:jennifer.spriggs@arkansas.gov)



# Work Sampling

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- Period 1 Finalization a success!
- Staff should be observing and documenting for Period 2
  - Next finalization date: February 13, 2009
- Administrative Training
  - Possible WebEx training!
  - Summer of 2009



# ECERS

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- TA staff attended 2 week reliability training this summer
- Required to pass an assessment with an 85% or better



# Collaboration-Head Start

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- Letters from Tonya Russell & Ann Patterson
- What is your responsibility?



# ABC Summer Funding

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- Will not be determined until closer to the end of the year.



# Next Hot Topic WebEx Session

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- Focus: **Finance**
  - (Budget, mid-year report, start-up report, etc)
- **Date and time will be sent by email.**