



## Arkansas Better Chance Program

### APPLICATION FOR 2009 SUMMER PROGRAM FUNDS



The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education is soliciting applications from current classroom and family home ABC programs to operate a quality summer preschool program for ABC-eligible children. *The amount of available funding is limited and is contingent upon securing additional appropriation from the Arkansas Legislative Council and approval from the State Board of Education.* Grant awards shall be made on a competitive basis, utilizing the rubric found in these instructions. **Submission of an application is NO GUARANTEE of approval of funding.** The Division has the right to terminate the application process and program at any time for any reason, including unavailability of funds or appropriation.

#### FUNDING

The use of any funds approved under this grant is limited to the operation of a summer program no longer than 50 days. Maximum funding shall be based on the number of slots applied for and the number of days a program shall operate. The maximum number of slots a program may apply for is limited to the number of ABC **PRESCHOOL** slots awarded during the regular 2008-2009 program year. A summer ABC program may operate a maximum of 50 days. Only one application per agency will be allowed. **The maximum amount of each grant shall be \$27.00 per day per child.**

Enrollment in the program shall be limited to three and four-year old children who participated in ABC during the 2008-2009 program year or are eligible to attend an ABC program in 2009-2010. This program is designed for ABC-eligible children who do not have available summer care; therefore, **preference must first be given to eligible children whose parents are employed or in school.**

#### GRANT AWARDS

Grants shall be awarded competitively based on the number of points earned in the following areas:

1. Have all License Numbers applied for received Quality Approval Accreditation?  
YES (20 pts) NO (10 points)
2. Average ERS Score of All License Numbers Applied For Since 7/1/2008  
≥ 6.00 (25 pts) 5.00-5.99 (20 pts) 4.00-4.99 (10 pts) 3.00-3.99 (5 pts) < 3.00 (0 pts)
3. Is program meeting conditions of any 2008-2009 Program Improvement Plan?  
YES OR NO PLAN NEEDED (10 pts) NO (0 pts)
4. Has program submitted ABC Reports and Documentation timely?  
YES (10 pts) NO (0 points)
5. Percentage of children qualifying for Free-Reduced Lunch in Local School District  
≥ 90% (20 pts) 70-89.99% (15 pts) 50-69.99% (10 pts) 30-49.99% (5 pts) < 30% (0 pts)
6. Local School District Priority Status \*  
HIGH (15 pts) MEDIUM (10 pts) LOW (5 pts)

*\*High status means that the local school district meets the priority criteria outlined in Act 49 of 2003. Medium status includes those local school districts who were on Year 1 of School Improvement Status at the beginning of the 2008-2009 program year. Low status includes all other local school district areas. See attached list for district groupings.*

Application shall be scored and awards shall be made in descending order of application score. Due to the high need for summer services, **an approved program may not receive all slots applied for.** Actual number of awarded slots may be dependent upon program's enrollment percentage for the 2008-2009 year.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Programs approved under the ABC summer grant must follow all Rules and Regulations Governing the Arkansas Better Chance Program, as well as Child Care Minimum Licensing standards. This includes ABC staff qualifications and staff-child ratios.

### MATCH FUNDS

No matching funds shall be required during the summer program, except in Nutrition. Programs must participate in some type of nutrition program to help with the cost of breakfast and lunch since only snack costs are built into the budget model. You may inquire about the availability of food programs by contacting the Division's Special Nutrition Unit at 501-682-8870.

### BUDGETS

Submission of a proposed budget shall be a requirement of this application. See cost model below for guidance. Programs should utilize the following formula in determining the total budget amount: (# of days operating) x (# slots applied for) x \$27.00. Example, if you are applying for 20 slots in a 50-day program, your total budget will be 50 x 20 x \$27.00 = \$27,000.

<b>DAILY COST FOR ABC SUMMER PROGRAM</b>			
<b>Based on classroom of 20 children</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Per Child</b>	<b>Per Classroom of 20</b>	<b>Classroom for 50 days</b>
<b>Teacher</b>	\$ 10.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Paraprofessional</b>	\$ 6.50	\$ 130.00	\$ 6,500.00
<b>Parent Engagement</b>	\$ 0.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Supplies and Activities</b>	\$ 2.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Administration</b>	\$ 5.40	\$ 108.00	\$ 5,400.00
<b>Snacks</b>	\$ 2.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Transportation</b>	\$ 0.60	\$ 12.00	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27.00</b>	<b>\$ 540.00</b>	<b>\$ 27,000.00</b>

### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Regular ABC staff cannot be required to work in an ABC summer program without additional wages. Summer staff must be paid from funds allotted for summer care. Such wages cannot be less than the hourly wage paid during the regular program year.**

2. The ABC summer program is designed to be a quality preschool program, not daycare. Summer programs will be expected to provide developmentally appropriate and effective activities during the day which will build on skills a child has acquired during the regular ABC program year.
3. The summer program day must be at least 8 hours, but no more than 10 hours. If children are in care longer than 10 hours per day, another funding source must be used for that care (vouchers, etc.).
4. Children participating in an ABC summer program may not be authorized for a full-time child care voucher except when the ABC program is not in session.
5. During ABC operating hours, **parents may not be charged any fees**. This includes application or activity fees. Programs may charge for activities outside of ABC hours, including late pick-up fees.
6. While ERS reviews will not be performed during summer (unless a program is being renewed for QA), ABC specialists may conduct unannounced visits on programs to ensure compliance. Technical assistance may be requested during this time from consultants.
7. The full amount of funds awarded shall be paid to grantees in one payment on or before June 1, 2009.
8. Programs shall be required to submit a report accounting for all summer expenditures no later than September 30, 2009. In addition, all documentation of expenditures must be kept on file and produced upon request. These funds must be included in any audit report submitted to the Department of Human Services.
9. Daily attendance must be kept for the summer program and produced upon request.
10. Program must demonstrate how nutrition will be funded. Teachers and coordinators CANNOT be required to purchase snacks, nor can parents be required to furnish such items.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

- **The application is in a Microsoft Excel workbook with four sections—Part A (Basic Information), Part B (Budget), Part C (Justification) and Part D (Daily Schedule). Each section must be fully completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- **Once completed, the application must be submitted by e-mail as ONE Microsoft Excel file to [pwlazenby@arkansas.gov](mailto:pwlazenby@arkansas.gov). Multiple e-mails will not be accepted. Submissions by any method other than e-mail will not be accepted.**
- **Applications shall be due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2009. Funding recommendations shall be presented to State Board of Education at their April business meeting.**

## Arkansas Better Chance 2008-2009 District Classification

### HIGH PRIORITY

AUGUSTA	FORDYCE	LAKESIDE (Chicot)	PINE BLUFF
BLEVINS	FORREST CITY	LEE COUNTY	PULASKI CO. SPECIAL
BUFFALO IS. CENTRAL	FORT SMITH	LITTLE ROCK	RIVERSIDE
CLARENDON	GOSNELL	MAGNET COVE	SO. MISSISSIPPI CO.
CLEVELAND CO.	HAMBURG	MANILA	STEPHENS
CORNING	HAMPTON	MARKED TREE	STRONG-HUTTIG
CROSS COUNTY	HARMONY GROVE (Ouachita)	MARVELL/ELAINE	TEXARKANA
DANVILLE	HELENA-W. HELENA	MINERAL SPRINGS	TRUMANN
DOLLARWAY	HERMITAGE	MULBERRY	TURRELL
DREW CENTRAL	HOPE	NASHVILLE	TWO RIVERS
EAST END-BIGELOW	HOT SPRINGS	NEWPORT	WALDO
EAST POINSETT CO.	HUGHES	NORPHLET	WARREN
EMERSON-TAYLOR	HUNTSVILLE	NORTH LITTLE ROCK	WATSON CHAPEL
FORDYCE	JUNCTION CITY	OSCEOLA	

### MEDIUM PRIORITY

ARKADELPHIA	DE QUEEN	JONESBORO	OZARK
ASHDOWN	DUMAS	LAFAYETTE COUNTY	RECTOR
BLYTHEVILLE	EARLE	LONOKE	STAR CITY
BRINKLEY	EL DORADO	MALVERN	VILONIA
CROSSETT	GURDON	MARMADUKE	WHITE CO. CENTRAL
DARDANELLE	HOXIE	MOUNTAIN PINE	

### LOWEST PRIORITY

ALMA	DERMOTT	LAMAR	POYEN
ALPENA	DES ARC	LAVACA	PRAIRIE GROVE
ARMOREL	DEWITT	LEAD HILL	PRESCOTT
ATKINS	DIERKS	LINCOLN	QUITMAN
BALD KNOB	DOVER	LOCKESBURG	RIVERVIEW
BARTON-LEXA	ELKINS	MAGAZINE	ROGERS
BATESVILLE	ENGLAND	MAGNOLIA	ROSE BUD
BAUXITE	EUREKA SPRINGS	MAMMOTH SPRING	RUSSELLVILLE
BAY	FARMINGTON	MANSFIELD	SALEM
BEARDEN	FAYETTEVILLE	MARION	SCRANTON
BEEBE	FLIPPIN	MAYFLOWER	SEARCY
BENTON	FOREMAN	MAYNARD	SEARCY COUNTY
BENTONVILLE	FOUKE	MCCRORY	SHERIDAN
BERGMAN	FOUNTAIN LAKE	MCGEHEE	SHIRLEY
BERRYVILLE	GENOA CENTRAL	MELBOURNE	SILOAM SPRINGS
BISMARCK	GENTRY	MENA	SLOAN-HENDRIX
BLACK ROCK	GLEN ROSE	MIDLAND	SMACKOVER
BOONEVILLE	GRAVETTE	MONTICELLO	SO. CONWAY CO.
BRADFORD	GREEN FOREST	MOUNT IDA	SOUTH SIDE BEE BRANCH
BRADLEY	GREENBRIER	MOUNTAIN HOME	SOUTHSIDE
BROOKLAND	GREENE COUNTY TECH	MOUNTAIN VIEW	SPRING HILL
BRYANT	GREENLAND	MOUNTAINBURG	SPRINGDALE
CABOT	GREENWOOD	MT.VERNON-ENOLA	STUTTGART
CADDO HILLS	GUY-PERKINS	MURFREESBORO	TWIN RIVERS
CALICO ROCK	HACKETT	NEMO VISTA	VALLEY SPRINGS
CAMDEN FAIRVIEW	HARMONY GROVE (Saline)	NETTLETON	VALLEY VIEW
CARLISLE	HARRISBURG	NEVADA	VAN BUREN
CAVE CITY	HARRISON	NORFOLK	VANCOVE
CEDAR RIDGE	HARTFORD	OMAHA	VIOLA
CEDARVILLE	HATFIELD	OUACHITA	WALDRON
CENTERPOINT	HAZEN	OUACHITA RIVER	WALNUT RIDGE
CHARLESTON	HEBER SPRINGS	OZARK MOUNTAIN	WEINER
CLARKSVILLE	HECTOR	PALESTINE-WHEATLEY	WEST FORK
CLINTON	HIGHLAND	PANGBURN	WEST SIDE (Cleburne)
CONCORD	HILLCREST	PARAGOULD	WESTERN YELL COUNTY
CONWAY	HORATIO	PARIS	WESTSIDE (Craighead)
COTTER	IZARD CO. CONSOLIDATED	PARKERS CHAPEL	WESTSIDE (Johnson)
COUNTY LINE	JACKSON COUNTY	PARKIN	WICKES
CUSHMAN	JASPER	PEA RIDGE	WONDERVIEW
CUTTER MORNING STAR	JESSIEVILLE	PERRYVILLE	WOODLAWN
DECATUR	KIRBY	PIGGOTT	WYNNE
DEER-MT. JUDEA	LAKE HAMILTON	POCAHONTAS	YELLVILLE SUMMIT
DELIGHT	LAKESIDE (Garland)	POTTSVILLE	