

As a stakeholder in the field of School Age and Youth Development services, you are invited to attend a Regional Roundtable discussion on the draft of Out of School Time (OST) School Age Licensing requirements. This draft was developed as a result of the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Best Practices for After School and Summer Programs.

Since August of 2009, a core group of professionals involved in delivering services to children and youth in OST settings have worked to develop licensing requirements that are for stand-alone programs that support the diversity of out of school time programs in Arkansas. Support from the Arkansas Out of School Network (AOSN), Arkansas Department of Education, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA Programs, and service providers of many differing types have together prepared this document as the first step to initiate discussion with our stakeholders.

As stakeholders in the OST field, it is important that you are actively engaged in development of requirements that provide high expectations and good outcomes for the children and youth in your program. We are eager to hear your feedback as it relates to the draft of the Out of School Time (OST) School Age Licensing requirements. The opportunity to share your insight and provide feedback is available to you by either attending a regional roundtable discussion or by submitting your comments online.

To view the draft and make written comments go to: [www.arkansas.gov/childcare](http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare) and look at the top of the page for the link.

Join us for one of the REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Pine Bluff Regional Medical Center, Rooms 2/3  
1600 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pine Bluff, AR

Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
East Arkansas Comm. College, LRC Rm. B-129  
1700 East Newcastle  
Forrest City, AR

Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Laman Public Library  
2801 Orange St.  
North Little Rock, AR

Thursday, June 10, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
ASU Childhood Services  
615 University Loop East  
Jonesboro, AR

Thursday, June 3, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Early Childhood Center  
1110 Bella Vista Road  
Bentonville, AR

Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Audio Conference Call  
Register: [wherlein@astate.edu](mailto:wherlein@astate.edu)

You may also provide written suggestions and comments by going to [www.arkansas.gov/childcare](http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare).

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