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DCC&ECE, in cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Education and the Arkansas State Board of Education, Services may be home-based, such as the HIPPIY program or Parents as Teachers (PAT), center-based programs, or licensed family home programs. In 2004, the Arkansas General Assembly expanded this program by \$40 Million for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success program. This component of ABC targeted three and four-year old children from families with gross income of less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. This program has essentially become the state funded pre-K program in Arkansas, giving funding priority to school districts in academic distress, districts with schools listed as being in school improvement status for two years and districts with elementary schools where more than 75% of fourth-grade students score below proficient on math and literacy benchmark exams. In 2007, the 86th General Assembly appropriated an additional \$40 million which brings total funding to \$111 million. This fulfills the commitment made to state pre-k.

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ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
			\$51,166,500	\$71,166,500	\$71,166,500
	Granted to ABC	\$48,663,236	\$66,905,146	\$67,203,507	\$108,780,000
	Administration Cost	\$800,000 1.56%	\$1,399,330 1.97%	\$1,399,330 1.97%	\$2,220,000 2.00%
ABC CLASSROOMS	Number of Classrooms	533	714	726	928
	Number of Children	9,316	12,922	13,219	18,557
ABC HIPPIY/PAT	Number of Sites	51	72	68	40
	Number of Children	5,242	5,396	5,351	5,689
ABC Family Day Homes	Number of Sites	0	17	20	19
	Number of Children	0	140	161	286