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As many of you are aware, many state agencies are currently enduring budget cuts. The Arkansas Better Chance Program will be experiencing a 2.6% cut to the program; however, this cut **will not** affect direct services to children and families. The Arkansas Department of Education and Department of Human Services have identified federal funds to ensure that even with this cut, ABC programs will be able to continue to serve children in the high-quality manner intended by the law. Please continue with enrollment for the 2010-2011 program year, and as always, if any questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact the ABC office.



Funding for Summer Care will not be available this year.

Parent Involvement

Each program should have a Parent Involvement Plan. Development of the plan has two purposes: 1) To involve parents in their child's educational program and 2) Obtain parental input into the operation for the program.

ABC Regulations mandate programs provide two parent-teacher conferences to talk with parents about their child's development, as a parent involvement strategy. Examples of other strategies in the plan may include but are not limited to:

- Periodic parent surveys
- Monthly/Quarterly parent meetings with parent education topics
- Parent Advisory Boards/Committees
- Planned parent/child outings
- Parent Newsletters
- Community Café' Meetings to obtain parent peer support

Remember, we are all in this together to ensure that our children are provided the supports and opportunities necessary to develop to their fullest potential.



COPA FAQs



Q: Why is it necessary to put in the application date on the Primary and Child Applications?

A: A family may submit an application but the child application is not submitted at the same time. If a family has multiple children in the system, we need to record the date their applications were submitted.

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- January 31, 2010—
Mid Year Expense
Report Due
- January 31, 2010—
SQP Progress
Reports Due
- February 12, 2010—
WSS Finalization Due
- Budget Trainings—
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