



Arkansas Department Human Services



Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education LICENSING & ACCREDITATION

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Dear Provider,

The DHS/Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education needs your help. Every two years the Division is required to conduct a state-wide Market Rate Survey for all child care programs to ensure that we have the most current child care rates for children of all ages. This Market Rate Survey collects from every child care provider in the state the actual charges they have for care, based on the age of the child and enrollment/attendance times (full-time/part-time).

Once current and accurate rates for all programs are gathered, the Division is required to make this report a part of our Child Care Development Fund State Plan. This information is also used to establish the rates used in the Child Care Voucher Program.

Even if you do not accept child care vouchers or any other state or federal funding for child care services, we hope you will provide this information so we will have a full reporting of all child care programs. Cost of care is posted on the search for child care site on our web site at www.arkansas.gov/childcare. Please check your rates to ensure that we have the correct rates.

- If your rates are correct, you **DO NOT** need to send in a new rate change form. We will pull this information from our system.
- If you are a **VOUCHER PARTICIPANT** and need to update your rate information, please complete and submit the rate change form online. The form can be found at: http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/familysupport/pdf/newratechange_distributed.pdf
- If you are **NOT** a voucher participant and need to update your rate information, please complete the rate change form from the link above and send to your Child Care Licensing Specialist (**please do not submit it online**), or you may submit the changes in writing by email, fax, or by mailing it to them.

We are asking that you have any changes be submitted to us no later than **February 4, 2011**. If you have any questions, please contact either your licensing specialist, our central office (501-682-8590 or 1-800-445-3316) or the family support unit (501-682-8947 or 1-800-322-8176).

Thank you for your help,

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