



ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE FAST FACTS

Program Information

- ◆ Total Children Served: 24,294
- ◆ Total Agencies: 280
 - School Districts: 147
 - Education Service Cooperatives: 13
 - Private Providers: 120
- ◆ Program Model:
 - Center: 79%
 - Home Visiting: 21%
- ◆ Total Sites: 556
- ◆ Total Classrooms: 1,518
- ◆ Full day: 178 days, 7 hours/day
- ◆ Center Funding Per Child:
 - State: \$4,860 (60%)
 - Local Match: \$3,240 (40%)
- ◆ Home Visiting Funding Per Child:
 - State: \$1,750 (60%)
 - Local Match: \$1,167 (40%)

Teacher Qualifications

- ◆ Master's Degree: 20%
- ◆ Bachelor's Degree: 69%
- ◆ Associate's Degree: 2%
- ◆ CDA: 8%
- ◆ High School Diploma: 1%

Classroom Quality

Trained consultants conduct unannounced visits to administer the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale (ECERS.) An overall score of 5.0 designates high-quality. Average ECERS scores for 2012-2013 follow:

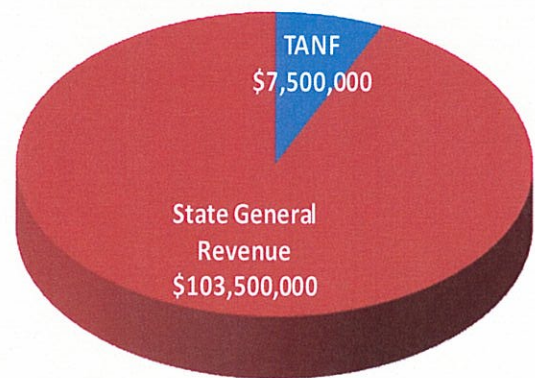
Subscale	Score
Space and Furnishing	5.08
Personal Care Routines	3.51
Language-Reasoning	5.69
Activities	5.65
Interaction	5.40
Program Structure	5.58
Parents and Staff	6.15
Overall	5.27

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According to the National Institute for Early Education Research report, *The State of Preschool Yearbook 2012*, ABC ranks:

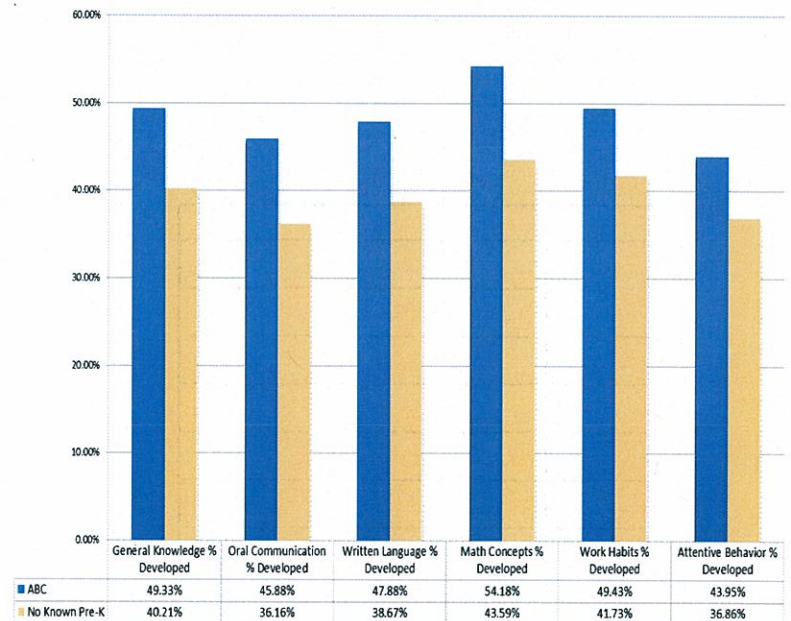
- 5th in the nation for access to 3-year-olds,
- 11th in the nation for access to 4-year-olds, and
- meets 9 of 10 quality benchmarks.

Funding Sources



Kindergarten Entry Assessment

2012 Free Lunch/ABC v Free Lunch/No Pre-K



**ABC children outperform their peers on
Arkansas's Kindergarten Entry Assessment.**

