

Arkansas Better Chance



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Focus of ABC

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Family gross income is 200% or less of federal poverty level
- ✓ Children that are considered to be at risk for academic failure



ABC Program Models

Center Based High Quality Early Learning:

- ✓ Staff Qualifications
 - Teacher - degree in early childhood or child development
 - Paraprofessional - minimum of child development associate degree
- ✓ Assess Quality of Learning Environments – Level 5 requirement
- ✓ Low student-to-teacher ratio
 - infants 1:4, toddlers 1:7, preschool 1:10
- ✓ Instructional time - 178 days, 7 hours per day
- ✓ Staff Professional Development - 30 hours annually



****Average of 3,300 trainings provided with 45,000 EC participants yearly***

Training Areas: Social Emotional Development, Cognitive Development, Physical Development and Health, Language Development, Emergent Literacy, Mathematical Thinking, Science and Technology, Social Studies and Creative and Aesthetics



ABC Program Models

Home Visiting High Quality Learning:

- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (**HIPPY**):
Ages 2-5
- Parents as Teachers (**PAT**): Birth-to-5
 - ✓ Home educators visit homes to provide and support parents with educational enrichment activities for their children.
 - ✓ Group connection opportunities enhance parenting skills and networking.
 - ✓ Health and developmental screenings are included.
 - ✓ Resources provided for families include
 - Books for home library,
 - Learning materials, and
 - Tools to support development and growth.



ABC Early Interventions

- ✓ Health (vision & hearing) and Developmental Screenings
- ✓ Meaningful Parent & Community Engagement Activities
- ✓ Curriculum aligned with the AR Child Development & Early Learning Standards: Birth through 60 months
- ✓ Formative Child Development Assessments
- ✓ Early Childhood Special Education Services



ABC 2020-2021

ABC Funded Seats = 23,420
Center and Home Visiting

PROGRAMS/AGENCIES

Total agencies: 239 (Center & Home Visiting)

School Districts: 137

Educational Service Cooperatives: 10

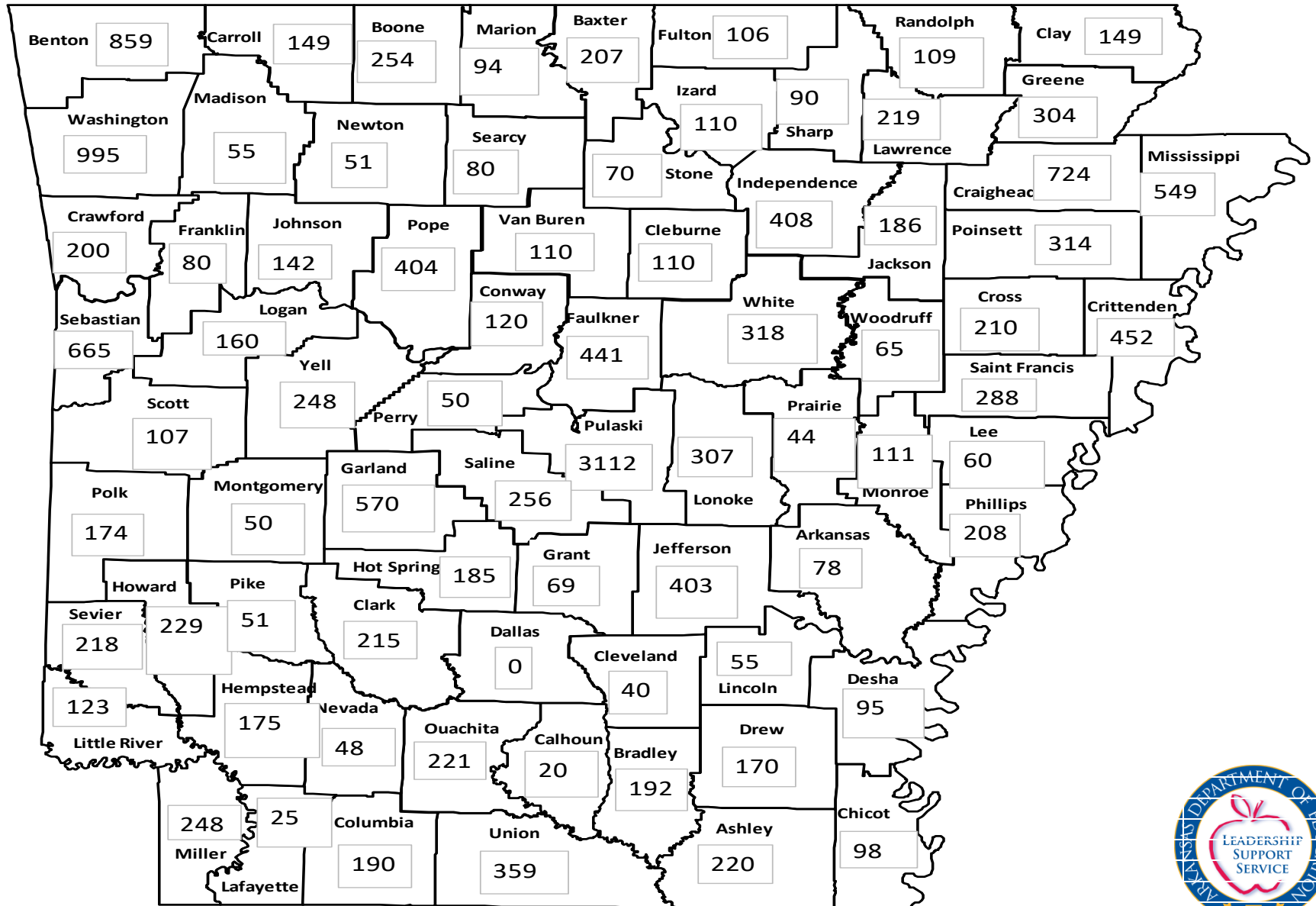
Community Based Early Childhood Education Programs: 72

Home Visiting: 26

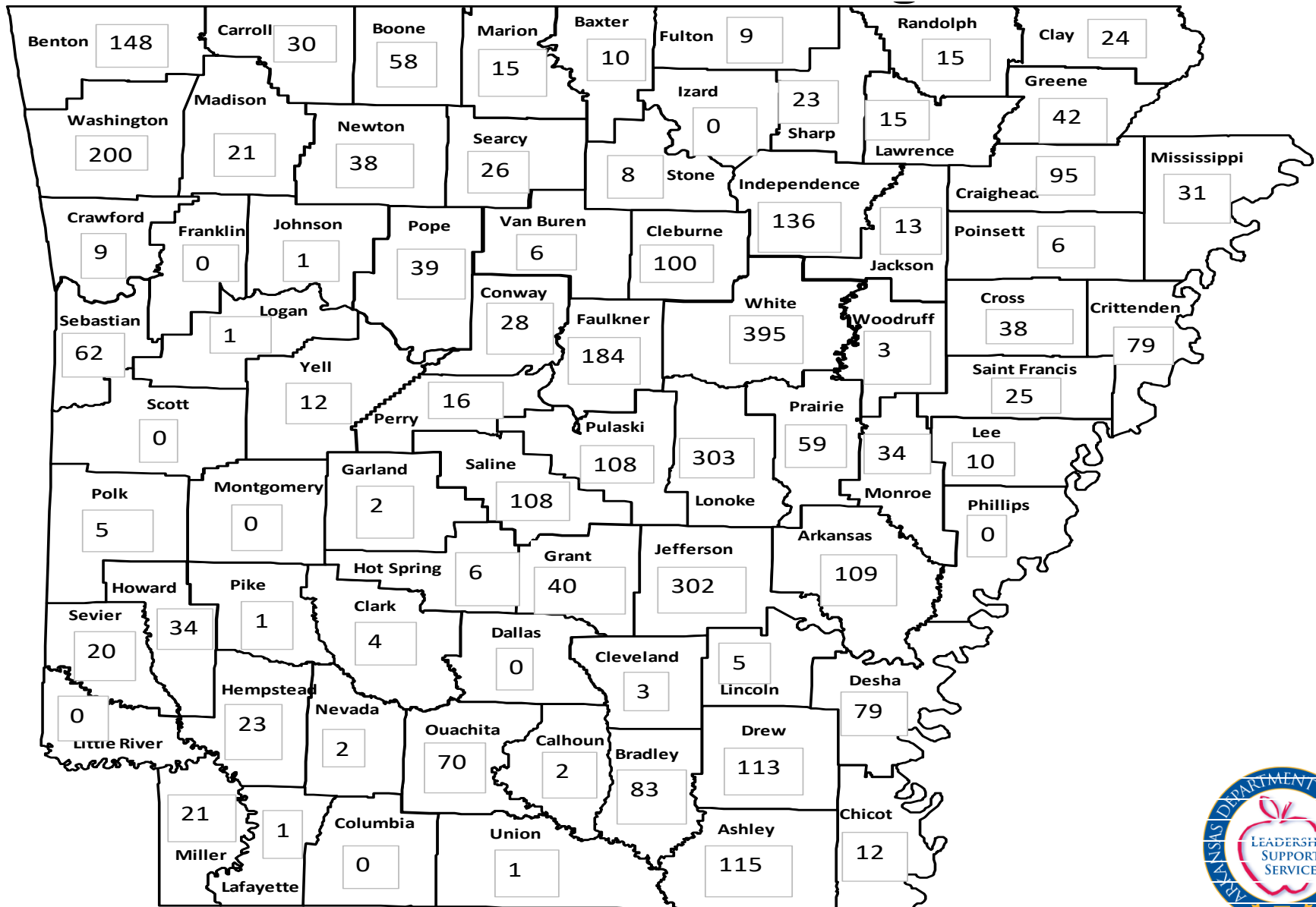
Institutions of Higher Education: 2



2020-2021 ABC Center Based Seats



2020-2021 ABC Home Visiting Seats



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