

## Special Program For Childcare Providers in Arkansas

Starting in 2012, many Arkansas childcare programs may be eligible to receive The Family Map Inventories, training, and support FREE of charge if you meet the following criteria. Participants will receive CEU and/or TAPP credits.



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### Criteria:

- Must be an Arkansas licensed infant, toddler or preschool childcare provider
- Must be working toward Better Beginnings rating of Level 3 or higher
- Allow training time for staff to attend 6 hour training
- Agree to follow-up mentoring and evaluation
- Agree to implement the Family Map Interviews with parents
- Year-long commitment to benefit from support from the Family Map team



## Better Childcare Starts at Home...

The Family Map Inventories encourages healthy family engagement. Using the Inventories, early childcare programs help families navigate these important early years of childhood.

### The Family Map Inventories

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## What is the Family Map?

**The Family Map Inventories** are interviews conducted by early childcare practitioners. The Inventories are used to assess the risk and protective factors of a family and home environment associated with healthy child development. **The Family Map Inventories** provide a format to discuss these critical areas. They help educators identify and document services needed.

Family Map Inventories are available in three versions:

Prenatal ~ Birth to 3 Years ~ 3 to 5 Years

**The Family Map Inventories** support providers in partnering with families. Specific interventions can be designed that help reduce the impact of risk factors while supporting and enhancing protective factors associated with a child's healthy development. The Inventories have been used during enrollment, parent-educator conferences, yearly home visits, or across all three family contracts.



*"The teacher showed concern. I appreciated the depth of questions to help understand our family."*

*~Head Start Parent*

### Areas Covered in

### the Family Map Inventories:

Self Support ~ Routines

School Readiness/Early Learning ~ Monitoring

Environmental Safety ~ Family Cohesion

Discipline ~ Health ~ Basic Needs

Home & Car Safety ~ Social Integration

Parent-Child Warmth

*"...I learned more about one of my children during the Family Map interview than I did all last year..."*

*~Early Childcare Educator*



Your program staff will receive training in the use of **the Family Map** as an interview, the areas covered by **the Family Map**, and how to effectively administer **the Family Map Inventory**.

### The Family Map is right for your program:

- ◆ if you want to help parents provide an enriched home environment
- ◆ if you want to help children grow as healthy as possible
- ◆ if you want to support families
- ◆ if you want to build a stronger parent-educator partnership

### The Family Map helps

- ◆ Educators by giving them a way to talk about important topics to parents
- ◆ Parents by connecting them to resources available through the program
- ◆ Children by having links between home and school
- ◆ Programs by targeting the right resources to the right families
- ◆ Agencies by documenting the services provided to families and eliminating duplicative paperwork

*Developed in partnership with Arkansas early child care providers and the families they serve.*

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