BRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

<u>PURPOSE</u>

The purpose of the Early Childhood Program of Arkansas Better Chance for School Success (ABC/ABCSS) serves children ages 2 ½, 3, and 4 years old from families with a gross income not exceeding 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. It is the intent of the program to expand the availability of developmentally appropriate early childhood programs through ABC sites. Children have the capacity to learn at very early ages, and participating in high-quality early care and education programs provides preschool children with the skills, enrichment, and learning opportunities that increase their chances of future success in school. Children from all backgrounds who receive high-quality early care and education score higher on tests of both cognitive and social skills in their early school years. Low-income children who receive high-quality early care and education score significantly higher on tests of reading and math from their primary years through middle adolescence. This program provides assistance to educationally deprived young children by funding a successful and innovative program that is designed to increase the learning of these children and provide for their optimal development.

<u>GOALS</u>

Our goals as a child care center are to serve the needs of children by providing a safe, healthy environment for pre-school age children, to serve the needs of children by providing a developmentally appropriate program for pre-school children, and to serve the needs of parents for childcare and parent education.

PHILOSOPHY

Our philosophy is to have caregivers and parents work together to promote health, safety, well-being, and the total development of the child in an atmosphere that promotes creativity and self-esteem.

<u>MOTTO</u>

Play, Learn, & Grow Together

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