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Pea Ridge Pre-K in Pea Ridge Earns Highest Rating through Arkansas's Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Pea Ridge, ARK., March 21, 2017- **Better Beginnings**, Arkansas's quality rating and improvement system for all licensed and registered child care facilities, recognizes Pea Ridge Pre-K in Pea Ridge as a 3-star provider in quality child care and educational programs.

Pea Ridge Pre-K has achieved the requirements to become a 3-star provider, while also maintaining the requirements of a 1 and 2-star provider. A 3-star rating is the highest level a Better Beginnings provider can receive and signifies the best quality of child care in Arkansas. When rating a 3-star facility, Better Beginnings focuses on five quality components: administration, staff qualifications and professional development, learning environment, environmental assessment and child health and development.

"Arkansas providers demonstrate the highest level of quality care in their community when they achieve a 3-star rating. Through Better Beginnings, we prepare children with the skills and information they need for kindergarten and the bright future ahead of them," said Tonya Williams, Director, Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education.

Better Beginnings' curriculum is based on the early learning and development guidelines: math, science and literacy. Through a high quality learning environment, children develop social and academic skills that lead to school success.

Better Beginnings connects Arkansas families with the information and care that helps children experience a safe, happy and healthy childhood. For more information on Better Beginnings and finding a Better Beginnings provider in our community, visit **ARBetterBeginnings.com** or call **1-800-445-3316**.

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