



Meeting Dates	August 17, 2023
Purpose	<i>Provide ideas, expertise, and feedback to ADE as they develop rules and policies related to early learning</i>
Captain	Tonya Williams, Lori Bridges
Members	Richard T. Atkinson, Ozark Opportunities, Inc. Head Start Jenny Barber, Russellville School District/Pre-K Administrator Alexandrea Galleur, Penny Lane Child Care Center Bill Sims, Grow Learning Center/Early Intervention Anna Strong, AR Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics Tara Armstrong, Camden Fairview School District Diana Nathan, Parent Fredricka Tabor, White River Health Leigh Keener, Teacher Gwen Couthren, Guy Fenter Education Service Cooperative Shelley Ray, Teacher/Junction City SD Brandy Wolfenbarger, Pre-K Administrator/ Springdale SD Jamie Ward, Curricula Concepts Joe Fisher, Guy Perkins School District/Administrator Tracy Dunn, Russellville School District/Teacher Angela Betancourt, Greenbrier School District/Pre-K Administrator

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Materials/Prereading:

[Arkansas Current Definition of Kindergarten Readiness w/ KRIC for parents](#)

Draft Rule/Policy Component	Materials
Reminders	PowerPoint slides
Reflections on Executive Order Report	Analysis of AR Early Childhood System
Kindergarten Readiness Overview	
Discussion	Kindergarten Readiness Discussion Notes
Next Steps	In the last meeting we had, there was discussion about whether these meetings needed to be increased in length. To ensure we revisit the previous topics to ensure that we've given enough time for all work group members to reflect and share, the next three work group meeting will allow the work group to revisit the Office of Early Childhood transition plan, local early childhood leads, and kindergarten readiness so that we can expand upon our previous conversations. We'll start with a transition update on August 31 at 11:00.