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The Arkansas Department of Human Services will receive 3-and-a-half million dollars for each of the next five years to train teachers and caregivers to better serve children who've undergone traumatic experiences. D-H-S will partner with agencies like the state Health Department and the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care on the grant from the U-S Department of Health and Human Services. Traumatic events can include divorce, poverty, parental incarceration or substance abuse. Tonya Williams, Director of Child Care and Early Childhood Education at the state D-H-S, says the department will partner with other agencies to address the needs of children from birth to five years of age.

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“...for that work.”

The grant comes after Arkansas was rated first in the nation for children who are most likely to go through an adverse childhood experience in a study published by Child Trends last February.

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The state Department of Human Services will receive more than \$17 million dollars over the next five years for training caregivers to help children who've experienced trauma. KUAR's Daniel Breen explains.

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The grant from the U-S Department of Health and Human Services will be given over a five-year period, and will further Arkansas D-H-S's efforts to partner with other agencies working to help curb the effects of adverse childhood experiences. D-H-S Director of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Tonya Williams says childhood traumatic events can range from incarceration of a parent to growing up in poverty. (CUT) A study released in February found children in Arkansas were most likely to experience more than one traumatic event during childhood when compared to children from other states.