



All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.



Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a home visiting model that provides support to families in the first years of their child's life using research-based activities and information that are delivered to parents by a trained Parent Educator. These first years of a child's life are critical for brain development and provide the foundation for school and life success. During this time, a child's parents are their most influential teachers. PAT works with families to provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children as they learn and grow.

CORE VALUES OF PARENTS AS TEACHERS:

- Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers
- The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development
- All young children and families deserve the same opportunities to succeed
- Understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential to serve families

PAT PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- One-on-one personal (home) visits with parent/caregiver and child that are focused on parent-child interaction, development-centered parenting and family well-being.
- Group Connection meetings that allow PAT families to build connections with each other and increase their knowledge of ways to support their child's development.
- Child screenings and assessments that will help parents identify areas of strengths and concerns and will help your Parent Educator tailor your personal visits to meet your family's needs.
- A Network of Community Resources that are identified to address the needs of each PAT family.

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