

Being a parent is hard work.

- In the first few years, children learn more and at a faster pace than at any other time in life. You help shape your child's future through the kinds of experiences you provide. Your baby was born to learn, and as a parent, *you* are your child's first and most important teacher.

What is Parents as Teachers?

- Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, usually age 5.
- Parents are supported by PAT-certified parent educators specially trained to translate scientific information on early brain development into specific *when, what, how* and *why* advice for families. By understanding what to expect during each stage of development, parents can easily capture the teachable moments in everyday life to enhance their child's language development, intellectual growth, social development and motor skills.

Mission

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Parents as Teachers is here to help you!

Core Values

- The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life.
- Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.
- Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services.
- All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic or economic considerations.
- An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.



As a PAT family, you receive:

- **Personal visits** -- during which your parent educator will share age-appropriate child development and parenting information, help you learn to observe your child, and address your parenting concerns.
- **Parent group meetings** -- which are opportunities to share information about parenting issues and child development. Parents learn and support each other, observe their children with other children and practice parenting skills.
- **Screenings** -- to assess your child's overall development as well as health, hearing and vision.
- **Resource network** -- that links your family to other community services.

Program Goals

- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parenting practices
- Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase children's school readiness and school success

Babies Are Born To Learn!

You Are Your Child's Most Influential Teacher.

For More Information.

Call the Parents As Teachers office
979-725-9832 or 979-743-6584

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PARENT(S) NAME:

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