

Parents as Teachers

Why enroll in Parents as Teachers?

You are your child's first teacher, and your home is their first classroom. During the early years of life, children learn the most. Parents as Teachers Missouri Curriculum Partner (PAT) can assist you in laying a strong foundation for your child's future success in school, as this initiative is a free, voluntary program that serves families with children from prenatal to kindergarten entry. The opportunities provided through this program assist with a smooth transition into preschool and kindergarten, promoting school readiness.

Services offered (All services provided free of charge by Certified Parent Educators):

- ❖ **Personal visits:** Visits provided by a trained parent educator who will partner with your family to support and promote your child's development through individualized activities that will prepare your child for future success in school and life.
- ❖ **Group connections:** Group meetings provide a time to share child development information and parenting issues with parents and to enjoy learning activities with your child.
- ❖ **Developmental screenings:** Screenings provide information on the individual growth and development of your child as well as health, hearing, vision and dental checks.
- ❖ **Resource networks:** Parents as Teachers provides families with connections to information and services available in the community to support them.

Benefits:

- ❖ PAT children were significantly more advanced in language, problem solving and social development at age 3.
- ❖ PAT children had significantly higher scores on reading and math standardized tests than did children not participating in the program.
- ❖ Parents stay more involved in their child's education, both at school and at home.
- ❖ Parents are more confident in their parenting skills and knowledge.

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