

What is PAT all about?

- ✓ Personal Visits – PAT certified educators offer parents timely information about each stage of their child's development and learning.
- ✓ Group Connections– Frequently scheduled get-togethers with other parents provide opportunities to gain new insights and share common experiences. These events are centered around fun child-focused activities or relevant parenting topics.
- ✓ Screenings – Periodic screenings help assess overall development in language, social, intellectual, motor and health.
- ✓ Resource Network – Links families with resources beyond the PAT program.

Being a Parent is Hard Work!

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



Program Mission:

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

Can Parents as Teachers Make a Difference?

Children participating in Parents as Teachers score higher on measures of achievement, language ability, social development, positive behavior, persistence in mastering tasks, and other cognitive abilities.

"The program has taught me a lot about what my child should be doing and what I can do to help my child grow stronger."

~Marion County Parent

"I enjoy PAT for the home-made toys each month. It is nice to have reassurance that my children are on track or what areas there may be a concern."

~ Marion County Parent

Marion County Parents as Teachers

Serving USDs 397, 398, 408, 410, 411
(620) 947-4343



Kids don't come with directions.
Parents as Teachers can help.

Marion County Parents as Teachers Application

Today's Date:	Child's Name:	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Date of Birth:
			Due Date:
Mom/Guardian Name:		Dad/Guardian Name:	
Home Address:		School district:	
Email address:	Phone Number(s):	Best time to contact?	

Our FREE Program Is

Sponsored By:

- Kansas State Department of Education
- Hillsboro Community Foundation
- USD 397 Centre
- USD 398 Peabody-Burns
- USD 408 Marion-Florence
- USD 410 Durham-Hillsboro-Lehigh
- USD 411 Goessel



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Parents as Teachers Goals

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) program understands that children are born to learn and that parents are their child's best first teachers. The majority of brain connections are made in the first 3 years of life. In order to make the most of this crucial time in learning, PAT has developed program goals including:

- ✓ To increase parents' knowledge of child development and appropriate ways to stimulate learning
- ✓ To promote a strong parent-child relationship
- ✓ To provide a means for early detection of potential learning delays
- ✓ To prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect

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