



### **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.

### **Parents As Teachers Mission**

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

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# **PAT**

Parents As Teachers



## **Your Baby Was Born To Learn**



**Parents As Teachers** is designed to assist **ALL** families with children from birth to age three in becoming their children's first teacher.

Babies begin learning at birth. The way a child grows and learns during the early years of life can have an enormous impact on later development in school and in life.

By assisting parents in teaching children during those most important first years of life, Parents As Teachers can help parents understand more about how children learn and grow.

## Can PAT make a difference?



Experience has shown that by providing developmental information, individual support and group opportunities, parents become more confident and competent in their parenting skills which in turn helps children become well-rounded and ready for school.

Recent research confirms the confidence parents have shown in the program's effectiveness and long-term benefits.

## What can the program offer my family?

Home  
Visits

Personal visits offer parents timely information about each stage of their child's development and learning.



Quick tips on parenting, child development, and updates on PAT happenings.

Monthly  
Newsletter

Play  
Groups

Opportunities for parents to observe their children with other children and to interact with other parents.



Periodic screenings of overall development in language, social, intellect, and motor skills.

Screenings

Group  
Meetings

Get-togethers with other parents provide opportunity to gain new insights and to share experiences.



Link with community services beyond the scope of the program.

Referral  
Networking