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Parents as Teachers

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Parents as Teachers is a program designed to give children the best possible start in life, and to prepare them for school success by supporting parents in their role as children's first and most important teachers.

The program is based on two simple truths: *babies are born learners and parents play a critical role from the beginning in determining what their children will become.*

Guiding Principles

- All parents want to be good parents!
- Children are born to learn!
- Children learn the most from the people they love!
- Parents are the experts on their own children!
- Everyone deserves support in the parenting role!

Parents as Teachers offers:

Personal Visits are regularly scheduled with certified parent educators providing essential information in the form of handouts and developmentally appropriate activities. Focus of visits include general guidance and tips on subjects such as constructive play activities, effective discipline, home safety, as well as information on observing and encouraging your child's development through open and honest conversations.

Developmental Screenings and Health Checklists are given annually or at a parent's request. This helps to check your child's progress and identify any potential concern as early as possible.

Family Gatherings/Group Meetings with other parents to help you gain new insights from speakers and parent educators about topics of interest to you.

Resource Networking helps families identify and connect with needed resources and overcome barriers to accessing services.

Play Groups where children can learn to play with others and try new activities and where parents can meet and share experiences.

Resource and Lending Library includes developmental toys and books for children and for parents, topics such as ages and stages, sleep, co-parenting, breast feeding, and Love and Logic.

You'll learn how to:

- Recognize your child's changing development and how you can encourage learning
- Teach and promote language, social and cognitive skills
- Choose the best toys/activities for stimulating curiosity and problem solving
- Discipline fairly and firmly

Why Join?

- To turn your child's every day experiences into fun-filled learning opportunities.
- To receive research-based, practical answers to your parenting questions.
- To create an eager learner who is ready for school.
- To learn ways to build a stronger relationship with your child.
- To get a "PAT" on the back for the things you are doing well as a parent.