



Parents as Teachers

Lawrence Public Schools
East Heights Early Childhood Family Center
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Parents as Teachers is a national, free learning program for parents of children prenatal to age three, living in the Lawrence school district. Your baby starts learning from birth...and from the beginning, ***all parents are their first and best teachers.*** For more information and to register call: (785) 832-5680. Visit the national website www.parentsasteachers.org

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 you:

Home Visits by a certified parent educator to help you learn about your child's development, how your child's brain is developing, talk about your concerns, ask questions, and share the joys of parenting.

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

Regular Developmental Assessments and Checklists to reassure you of your child's progress and to help identify developmental delays.

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

A Resource Network that can help parents locate services in the community, if needed, beyond what PAT can do.

You'll learn how to:

- Recognize your child's changing development and how you can support learning
- Teach and encourage language, social, motor, and cognitive skills
- Choose the best toys/activities for stimulating curiosity and problem solving
- To learn more about your child's growth and development and how to set firm limits

Why Join?

- To receive research-based, practical answers to your parenting questions.
- To turn your child's every day experiences into fun-filled learning opportunities.
- 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.