



## National Research Findings for Parents as Teachers

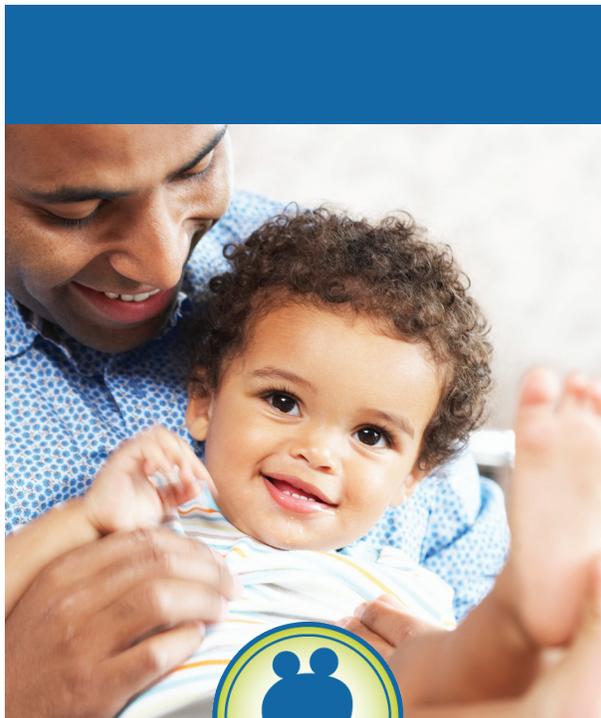
### Parents as Teachers Children:

At age three, children are significantly more advanced in language, social development, problem solving and other cognitive abilities than comparison children.

- PAT children score higher on kindergarten readiness tests and on standardized measure of achievement in early grades.
- PAT was found to reduce placement in special education and lower incidences of abuse and neglect.

### Parents as Teachers Parents:

- Are more involved in their child's schooling.
- Are more confident in their parenting role and read more to their children.
- Have increased confidence in their parenting skills.



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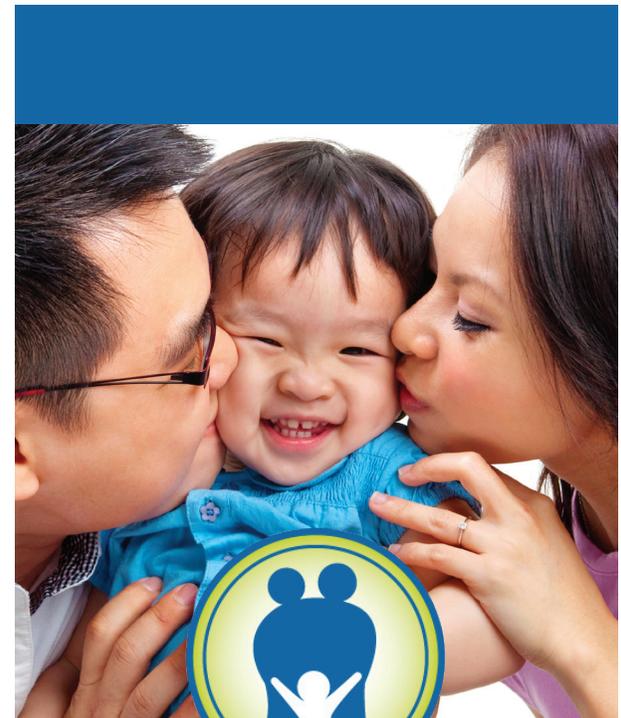
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grow and develop  
to realize their full potential.



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## About Parents as Teachers

A parent is a child's first and most important teacher. But we know that children don't come with an instruction manual. This **FREE** program is designed to provide parents with information and to help build their children's intellectual, language, social, and physical development from birth to age three. Each stage in a child's development is important, and comes with opportunities for learning. Parents as Teachers helps guide parents through these stages and gives them tools for success.

## Why Parents as Teachers?

Learning begins at birth, and by age three, children have learned 75 percent of all the language skills they will have as adults. A parent is a child's first and most important teacher.

In the first few years, children learn more and at a much faster pace than any other time in life. By age three, a child's brain is 80 percent of the size of the adult brain.

## Who Can Participate?

Ada County residents who are pregnant as well as parents with children from birth to three years of age can participate in the program.

## Parents as Teachers Program Services

### In-Home Visits

Clients will receive personal visits from a certified parent educator offering timely, age-appropriate information including:

- Prenatal care for healthy fetal growth and development
- What to expect as your child grows and develops
- How to encourage intellectual development, curiosity and language development
- Focused observations using child development information
- Confidential discussion of your parenting concerns
- Fun activities to help your child prepare for school

### Peer Support

- Share information about child development, parenting issues and concerns at group meetings
- Observe your child playing with other children
- Make connections with other parents and provide support to each other



### Screenings

- Vision
- Hearing
- Developmental

### Resource Network

- Links to informal resource and community services



## Support along the parenting journey...

Every new parent could use the support and guidance of someone trained and trusted to help them along the way. Parents face lots of new and sometimes unexpected pressure in their new role. Having additional support and someone who understands their needs helps caregivers face the challenges of parenthood.

While learning skills to help raise a baby or young child, a parent will also have a resource they can rely on for support and advice. Just this little bit of extra help would go a long way to ensuring the success of the whole family.