

# Early Childhood Education



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## Parents As Teachers

### Qualifying

#### Who is eligible for Parents as Teachers?

Residents of the USD#501 school district that are pregnant or parenting a child birth to age three.



#### Is the program targeted to one special audience?

No, the program is for all families with young children regardless of income. Single parents, two parent families, grandparents, foster parents, first time parents as well as experienced parents can benefit from the developmental information and ideas.

### Services

**Personal visits** -- during which your parent educator will share age-appropriate child development and parenting information, help you learn to observe your child, and address your parenting concerns. **Parent group meetings** -- which are opportunities to share information about parenting issues and child development. Parents learn and support each other, observe their children with other children and practice parenting skills.



**Playgroups**—during weekly playgroups, children have the opportunity to play with other children as their parents model play and interact with other parents.

**Screenings** -- to assess your child's overall development as well as health, hearing and vision.

**Resource network** -- that links your family to other community services

### Transportation

Transportation is not provided for this program.

### Fees

Parents as Teachers programs and services are provided to families free of charge. Parents as Teachers is funded by grants, community partnerships, Topeka Public Schools and the Kansas State Department of Education.

### Times

Personalized home visits are offered during the day, evening and on weekends. A variety of playgroups are offered for families with children birth to age 5.




### PAT Website


#### Why Join?

 To learn more about your child's growth and development


 To turn your child's everyday 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 meet other parents with children of similar ages

 To ensure your child learns, grows and develops to realize their full potential

### Get Involved

## 2007-08 PAT Playgroups

September 4, 2007- May 18, 2008

[Flyer \(pdf\)](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00	10:00-11:00	*11:00-12:00 (Gross Motor) * Reservation required
	6:00- 7:00 p.m.		12:30- 1:30 (Prenatal- 12months) *6:00- 7:30 p.m. (Just Me and My Dad)	

### Volunteer Opportunities

Need a better excuse to get out of the house?

How about a good deed?

Participate in Parents as Teachers work nights by assembling games, cutting out finger-plays and making home-made toys that support the work of Certified Parent Educators. This is a great way to get out and make friends.

Parents as Teachers appreciates the work of our volunteers.

If you would like to help out but can't make it to one of the scheduled work nights? We have multiple projects that can be taken home to work on.

For more information contact Yvonne Guy, PAT Volunteer Coordinator at 817-2675.

[PAT Work Night schedule \(pdf\)](#)

To enroll in the Parents as Teachers Program contact us at (785) 271-3662. Currently the program has a waiting list for personalized home visits.

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