



Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers is a FREE program offered by USD #342 for families with children birth to age three and families expecting a baby. PAT equips parents with the tools they need to tap into their child's natural ability to learn. Participants in PAT enjoy regular play groups and activities, as well as one-to-one home visits for a truly individualized focus on the child's stages of development. The program also includes basic vision, hearing, and developmental screenings at the different critical stages.

Parents as Teachers Vision

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

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.

Program Components

- **Personalized Visits** to help you learn about child development, how your child's brain is developing, talk about concerns, ask questions, and share the joys and frustrations of parenting.
- **Group Connections** where children can learn to play with others and try new activities and parents can meet and share experiences.
- **Regular Developmental Screenings** to reassure you of your child's progress and to help identify potential problems.
- **Resource Network** that can help parents find services in their community.

Why Should I Enroll?

- To learn more about your child's growth & 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.

Children whose family participate in PAT do better in school and are more advanced at age 3 in language, social development, problem solving and cognitive skills.

For more information about enrolling in USD #342's Parents as Teachers program, please contact Donna Higbee at 913-449-2104 or dhigbee@keystonelearning.org.