



Parents as Teachers

Vision:

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

Mission:

To provide the information, support, and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Parents are their child's first and most influential teacher. Parents as Teachers is a child development program, sponsored by the local school district at **no charge** to families living within the district's boundaries. Services include:

- Personal Visits
- Group Connections
- Screenings
- Links with other community resources

Services are facilitated by a certified parent educator with specialized training in working with families who have infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Program participation is voluntary.

McLouth Parents as Teachers is an affiliate of Parents as Teachers National Center, St. Louis, MO, parentsasteachers.org.

Enrollment:

If you reside in the McLouth (USD 342) School District and you are pregnant or have a child under 5 years of age, please click on the link below and provide the requested information. You can also contact Donna Higbee at 913-449-2104 or dhigbee@keystonelearning.org with your name, address, phone number, email and child(ren) name and date of birth.

Group Connections:

Parents as Teachers sponsors group connections, which are usually fun activities for parents and their young children to do together. Group connections provide children an opportunity to learn to play with others and try new activities and parents can meet and share experiences. Examples of previous group connections include Young Artists, Fall Fun, Stretch-n-Grow, and BLOCKFest.

Screenings:

Parents as Teachers provides developmental screenings to children enrolled in our program. We screen in the areas of communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal social skills. We provide a specific screening for social-emotional development. We also provide functional hearing assessments using the Otoacoustic emissions instrument and vision screenings using the SPOT. The screenings are provided at no charge to the family.