

“My parent educator helped me learn new ways to support my two young children. This is helping me meet my parenting goals.”



What Parents as Teachers is not

Now that you know what Parents as Teachers is, it is good to know what it is not. Parent educators can support families with their court mandated activities, but they are not monitors; they do not ensure those activities related to a service plan are completed. Parent educators are an advocate for the family and can support their journey through the child welfare system. Parents as Teachers prioritizes supporting families in reaching their parenting and family goals, emphasizing that it is distinct from the child welfare system.

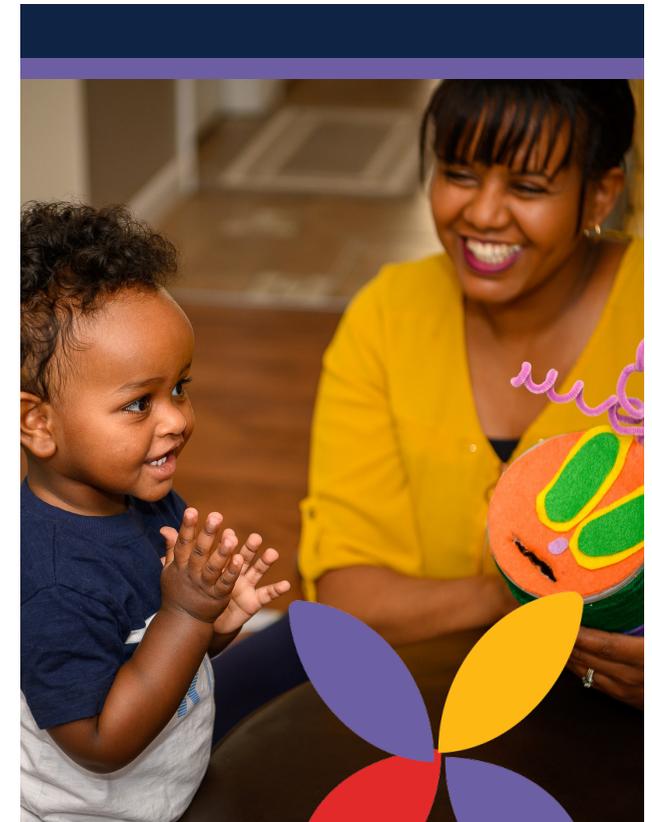
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Conclusion

Parents as Teachers plays a pivotal role in empowering families and promoting child welfare. Through its free, voluntary, and comprehensive approach, the program equips caregivers with the knowledge and support they need to foster their child's growth and development. By collaborating with child welfare and other stakeholders, ensures that every child has the opportunity to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.

We would love to discuss how we can partner together.



Parents as Teachers programs can support families who are involved with child welfare.

Enrollment is always free!

Get in touch to learn about Parents as Teachers.

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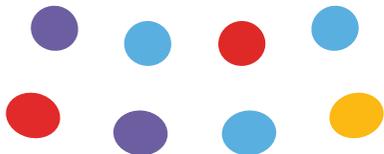
Introduction to Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers is a free and voluntary evidence-based home visiting model created for families from the prenatal period through kindergarten. It is designed to support all members of a family who play a role in caregiving for children.

Parents as Teachers is rated as a “well-supported” model by the Title IV Prevention Services Clearinghouse. This means that Parents as Teachers is an approved evidence-based home visiting model that can be used in a state’s prevention plan and access Family First Prevention Services Act funding. The Parents as Teachers model is designed to prevent child maltreatment through family support and family strengthening.

These are the proven outcomes families may experience through Parents as Teachers:

- Increased parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve positive parenting practices
- Early detection of developmental delays and connection to services
- Improved parent, child, and family health and well-being
- Prevention of child abuse and neglect
- Increased children’s school readiness and success
- Improved family economic well-being
- Strengthened community capacity and connectedness



Collaboration with child welfare

Parents as Teachers is a voluntary option that may fill the role of parenting support indicated in a case plan. It can be offered as one of many options to preserve the voluntary nature of Parents as Teachers.

Parents as Teachers programs can support families who are involved with child welfare in a number of ways. Parents as Teachers may help with supporting services related to action plan, reviewing the action plan with families, communicating with caseworkers, and preparing for visitation activities.

Parents as Teachers partner with child welfare to ensure that parents and families have what they need to support the well-being of their children.



The Parents as Teachers model consists of four components that compliment each other:

1. Personal visits
2. Health and developmental screenings
3. Resource referrals – which we call resource connections; and
4. Group connections

All four components are provided by home visitors, that we call parent educators.

Parent educators are highly trained professionals who possess a wealth of knowledge and expertise in child development, early learning, and family support. Through rigorous training and ongoing professional development, they acquire the skills necessary to provide personalized guidance and support to families.

The largest component is personal visits. These can be done in the home or other location that the parent feels comfortable. Personal visits take place twice a month and may need to be weekly to provide additional support for families involved with child welfare.

