

Parents as Teachers Speakers Bureau



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Susan Stepleton has a diverse background in human service, nonprofit management and public policy. As president and CEO of Parents as Teachers National Center, Stepleton heads the resource base and backbone of Parents as Teachers, one of the nation's largest parent education and early childhood development programs, serving parents throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, usually age 5.

Prior to joining Parents as Teachers National Center, Stepleton was with Edgewood Children's Center in St. Louis, Mo., a social service agency providing treatment, education and services to families and children, where she spent 20 years, including 12 years as executive director. She also administered the Salvation Army Hope Center for more than six years.

Stepleton holds a variety of highly visible offices at regional, state and national levels. She is currently co-chair of the National Advisory Committee for Family Support and Family Preservation for the Child Welfare League of America where she serves on the National Advisory Council of Executives and the Advisory Committee on Public Policy.

To further the fields of social work and early childhood education, Stepleton has served on local, state and national advisory boards. In 2006 she was appointed to the Governor's Coordinating Board for Early Childhood by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. She also serves on the St. Louis Mayor's Commission on Children, Youth and Families; the Advantage Capital Community Development Fund National Advisory Board; the University of Missouri-St. Louis Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program Advisory Board; and is vice-chair of Eden Seminary's board of directors and chair of the George Warren Brown School of Social Work Professional Advisory Committee at Washington University in St. Louis.

Stepleton holds three master's degrees (German studies, business administration and social work) and a Ph.D. in public policy analysis focusing on nonprofit management and governance from St. Louis University. She is a licensed clinical social worker and a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, and holds a lifetime Missouri Teaching Certificate in social studies.

Among Stepleton's recognitions are the ECHO President's Advocacy Award in 2000. She received the Children's Advocate Award from Annie Malone Children and Family Services in 2001. She has been recognized by both Washington University and University of Missouri-St. Louis as being a distinguished alumna. In 2005, Stepleton was awarded a St. Louis Woman of Achievement award.

Susan Stepleton's presentation topics include

- Parents as Teachers
- role of Parents as Teachers National Center
- public policy involvement for nonprofits
- advocacy and child/family issues
- nonprofit management
- nonprofit board/staff relationships
- trends affecting children and families

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