Quality is critical to the ongoing success of a Parents as Teachers affiliate. Our Affiliate Quality Assurance Blueprint is designed to help affiliates regularly monitor compliance with the Essential Requirements as they pursue continuous quality improvement.

The *Affiliate Quality Assurance Blueprint* identifies some central quality assurance and improvement activities in which supervisors should engage with the involvement of parent educators, including:

- Development of parent educator core competencies
- Review of documentation
- Review of summary data
- Observation of service delivery

The Blueprint specifies not only the quality assurance activities within each of the above categories, but also the staff who should be involved in each activity and the frequency with which each activity should take place. Using the Blueprint on an ongoing basis and annually completing the **focused compliance assessment** (part of the Affiliate Performance Report) together lay the foundation for the comprehensive affiliate assessment process every four years.

For example, here is one of the quality assurance activities in the area of Core Competencies Development.

Quality Assurance Activity		
Who		
Frequency		
Core Competencies development		:

PAT Core Competencies Self-Assessment

Parent educator & supervisor:	Parent educator should self-assess	& supervisor should assess us

New parent educators complete following training & again at 6 months. All parent educators complete ar

The existing Parents as Teachers quality standards and accompanying self-assessment guidelines are currently being revised to be more clearly aligned with the Essential Requirements and new data reporting expectations. Please note that the process will be titled *Affiliate Assessment*
to clarify that this assessment of quality is at the program level, not the individual level.

One of the features of the revised Affiliate Assessment is that it will build upon an affiliate's ongoing quality assurance activities and data collection, so it is important for supervisors to become familiar with the Affiliate Quality Assurance Blueprint and begin to incorporate it into supervision and management.

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