



Parents as Teachers™

AN EFFECTIVE MODEL FOR PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD

Parents as Teachers is the trusted resource providing a proven home visiting model for the most respected organizations and professionals who serve the evolving needs of families. Our work with the professional community helps young children grow up healthy, safe and ready to learn.

Organizations and professionals who come to Parents as Teachers benefit from a portfolio of resources—and training that is relevant—and widely applicable—to today's parents, families and children, especially those in vulnerable circumstances. Through Parents as Teachers, educators, child care providers and health providers help communities partner with parents to prepare children for a stronger start in life—for **example, by promoting father involvement**—and for greater success in school.

Parents as Teachers helps organizations and professionals work with parents during the critical early years of their children's lives, from conception to kindergarten—and the results are powerful.

The Parents as Teachers Model

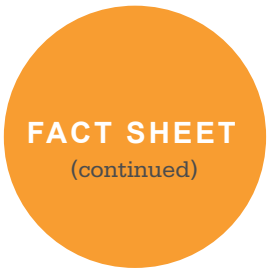
Our approach and curriculum focus on parent-child interaction, development-centered parenting and family well-being; on strengths, capabilities and skills; and on building protective factors within the family. Parents as Teachers serves a range of families with high needs—not just first time parents, pregnant parents or teen parents—and offers services throughout the continuum from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

Our model is one of the approved evidence-based models for the Federal Home Visiting Initiative mandated by the Affordable Care Act of 2010.

FACT SHEET



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7 Ways to Make Parents as Teachers a Part of Your Team

The Department of Health and Human Services issued RFPs for additional responsible fatherhood activities in June 2011. Parents as Teachers can be a valuable asset to programs wanting to incorporate effective skill-based parenting education into new or existing responsible fatherhood initiatives.

- 1. **Parents as Teachers Foundational Training**—for programs wanting to learn the fundamentals of home visiting and use a research-based curriculum with families
- 2. **Parents as Teachers Model Implementation Training**—for organizations/professionals wanting an evidence-based home visitation model
- 3. **Parents as Teachers Young Dads, Young Moms**—curriculum for facilitated group meetings
- 4. **Focus on Fathering**—series of facilitated group meetings with skill-based parenting content

- 5. **Technical assistance**—recruiting/retaining/engaging low-income fathers, enhancing the Parents as Teachers approach around father involvement
- 6. **Professional development**—training in Group Facilitation Skills, Issues in Working with Teen Parents
- 7. **Financial literacy resource**—Money Matters: a Young Parent’s Workbook for Finances and the Future

Our Expertise in Promoting Responsible Fatherhood

Parents as Teachers is effective in enhancing parenting skills. Through a five-year Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, fathers became more confident in their role as parents and more influential in their children’s lives. Parents as Teachers provided technical assistance and developed resources related to recruiting/retaining/engaging low-income fathers in group meetings and in Parents as Teachers.



Contact Parents as Teachers

- For more information, or to discuss how Parents as Teachers can strengthen your responsible fatherhood program and be incorporated into a grant proposal, contact Jan Watson, Technical Assistance Manager, at **jan.watson@parentsasteachers.org**.
- For support materials to include in your application justifying the inclusion of Parents as Teachers, contact Kate McGilly, Senior Manager for Special Projects, at **kate.mcgilly@parentsasteachers.org**.

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