



Parents as Teachers

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About

- Parents as Teachers is an international, non-profit organization that promotes optimal early childhood development by engaging and teaching parents and caregivers. Their evidence-based, home visiting model guides parent educators (home visitors) in the development of individualized curricula for each family. These parent educators then work alongside parents and caregivers as they teach routines and initiate skill-development with their children.



Vision

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

Mission

- Parents as Teachers promotes the optimal early development, learning, and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers

Primary Goals

- Increase parent knowledge of early childhood development and improve parent practices
- Provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase children's school readiness and success
- Increase parent ability to respond appropriately to their child's behaviors

Core Values

- Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers
- The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and life
- All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic, or economic considerations
- An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families

Eligibility Requirements in New Mexico

- Families are selected based on vulnerability and level of need
- Services are offered to a range of families with children from the prenatal stage through kindergarten entry
- No family income requirement
- To qualify for services, the family must live in Bernalillo or Valencia counties
- Families must be available to meet for one hour, every other week



Funding in New Mexico

- Stable funding through state general and federal funds
- Medicaid billing will be added in January

Tools for Curriculum Development

- Foundational visits (build trust and establish rapport)
- Screenings and assessments
- Goal development with families



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