What can Parents as Teachers (PAT) do for children, families, schools and communities?

- PAT detects developmental delays and health problems early.
- PAT children score higher on measures of achievement, language ability, social development, persistence in task mastery and other cognitive abilities.
- PAT combined with quality preschool reduces the achievement gap between low income and more advantaged children at kindergarten entry.
- Children achieve school success into the elementary grades.
- Families who take part in PAT had more books in their homes and spend more time reading together then families without PAT.
- Parents who take part in PAT are more engaged in literacy activities at home and in their child’s school.
- PAT helps to prevent abuse and neglect.
- PAT parents showed significant improvements in parent knowledge, parenting behavior and parenting attitudes.
- PAT children have higher rates of compliance with The American Academy of Pediatrics’ schedule of well-visits.

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