

“What’s New with Parents as Teachers?”  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. How does DESE define the Parents as Teachers (PAT) Supervisor and what training is required?
  - The PAT Supervisor is responsible for providing direct supervision of parent educators, developing a budget, creating policies and procedures and monitoring data for reporting requirements. In a district with more than one parent educator, the PAT Supervisor may also spend a portion of time working as a parent educator delivering direct services such as family personal visits.
  - DESE has identified the following training opportunities to support individuals in this role.
    - Foundational Curriculum and Model Implementation training through PATNC
    - Supervision 101-Getting the Most from Your Parents as Teachers Program and Advanced Level Supervision 201 for PAT Supervisors and Administrators through the [Missouri PAT Professional Learning Communities](#)
  
2. How does DESE define the Authorized Representative in ePeGS?
  - Authorized Representative is the person who is fiscally responsible for the program and has the capacity to submit the monthly PAT Payment Requests. The Authorized Representative does **not** provide direct services as a parent educator and is usually the Superintendent or Elementary Principal. The Authorized Representative is not required to attend the Model Implementation training.
  
3. What is the new requirement for developmental screenings?

A complete screening must include a social emotional component. Programs can review a complete listing of instruments approved by DESE in Appendix B of the Early Childhood Development Act (ECDA) Administrative Manual.
  
4. What is required to verify immunizations?
  - DESE requires parent educators to work with the family to verify that immunizations are current and up to date. Multiple attempts to view the child’s immunization record through a shared record or Show Me Vax should be made. The parent educator will document attempts to verify immunizations on the child’s Health Record. A copy of the child’s immunization record does not have to be saved in the family file.
  
5. Are we required to use the records from Parents as Teachers National Center?
  - DESE strongly encourages all programs to use the *Data in Motion* records available from the Parents as Teachers National Center. If you choose to create your own form, all elements from the PATNC records must be included to ensure all required data is collected.
  
6. How do parent educators complete the new 20 hours of professional development?
  - All trainings must be relevant to the work of a parent educator and support the parent educator’s work in the program. For specific information on required hours, see [ECDA Administrative Manual](#) Section 2.3.