



Parents as Teachers.  
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# *Parents as Teachers (PAT)*



- Evidence-based child development and parenting education program
- Serve families in the USD 497 district during pregnancy until their child turns three years old
- Vision: All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential
- Mission: To provide the information, support, and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life

# *What does PAT do?*

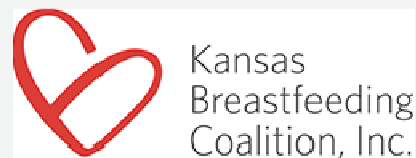


- Screenings
  - Development, Hearing, Vision, Health
- Group Connections
  - Playgroups & Parent Education Meetings
  - Positive Parenting Classes
- Community Resources
- Personalized Visits
  - Parent-child interaction
  - Development-centered parenting
  - Family well-being

# Partners & Projects



United Way of Douglas County



*PAT  
Promotes  
and  
Strengthens  
the  
5 Protective  
Factors*

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- 85% of the brain is developed by the age of 3
- This age group also has the highest rate of child abuse and neglect
- As home visitors and early childhood educators we are in a unique position to help families build protective factors





## *Parental Resilience*





## *Social Connections*



## *Concrete Supports in Times of Need*





# *Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development*



# *Social and Emotional Competence of Children*



# *School Readiness*

*PAT Foundational  
Curriculum connects to  
Kansas Early Learning  
Standards.*


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- Based on Kansas School Readiness Data, children whose families participated in Kansas PAT:
  - Are more likely to have parents who read to them daily resulting in higher reading scores at Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Score higher in symbolic development, math concepts, written language and oral communication
  - Are more likely to be identified at an earlier age if there are health or developmental concerns resulting in referral to school and community services for early intervention
  - Have a lower Body Mass Index at Kindergarten entry
  - Are more likely to be fully immunized at age 2



# *Funding Update*

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- Funding changed as of July 1, 2016 to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF through DCF)
    - Distributed through KSDE
    - Required local match of \$0.65 for every state dollar
  - Families must qualify with at least 1 high risk characteristic
  - Administrative time increased
  - Recruitment needs increased
  - Legislation currently going through to move PAT back to the Children's Initiative Fund (CIF)
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# *Year to year comparison*


*We exited 38% of  
our families in  
June 2016 because  
they did not meet  
the new high risk  
criteria*

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## *2015 – 2016*

- PAT served 191 children and 160 families
  - 53% had 0 high needs
  - 34% had 1 high need
  - 13% had 2+ high needs

## *2016 – 2017*

- PAT served 124 children and 111 families
    - 0% had 0 high needs
    - 76% had 1 high need
    - 24% had 2+ high needs
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# *Year to year comparison*


*We did not fill two  
vacated Parent  
Educator positions  
due to the funding  
shift and resulting  
program changes*

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## *2015 – 2016*

- Delivered 1127 Personal Visits
- 42% of families attended at least one group connection
- 9% of children were identified with a potential delay and referred to community agencies for further evaluation

## *2016 – 2017*

- Delivered 729 Personal Visits
  - 40% of families attended at least one group connection
  - 10% of children were identified with a potential delay and referred to community agencies for further evaluation
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# *Moving Forward*

- Sustainability of PAT in Lawrence
  - KDSE's vision for early learning to span prenatal through age 8
    - "School readiness involves the whole child in the context of the family and community."
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