



## LIBERTY PARENTS AS TEACHERS

### **Mission of Parents as Teachers:**

To build strong communities, thriving families and children who are healthy, safe and ready to learn!

### **Do you have a child who is five years old or younger?**

If so, you should join Parents as Teachers (PAT). The Liberty School District offers this exciting, rewarding, and free program that can help your child be a successful learner. Parents as Teachers is a voluntary early childhood parent education and family support program designed to help parents give their children the best possible start in life.

Liberty PAT educators are trained and certified in The Parents As Teachers National Center model and curriculum. Additionally, LPS Parent Educators participate in a variety of professional development experiences each year to help better serve and support the unique needs of LPS' earliest learners and their families.

### **Components of Liberty's Parents as Teachers program:**

- **Personal Visits:** During personalized home visits with a certified parent educator, who is trained in child development, parents are assisted in understanding what to look for in each stage of their child's development. Parent educators offer practical tips to parents on ways to encourage learning, manage behaviors in their children, and promote strong parent-child relationships. *At this time, priority for personal home visits will go to families of children Birth-three.*
- **Group Connections:** At group events parents get together to gain new insights and to share their parenting experiences, common concerns, and successes. Some group events also provide families the opportunities to participate in parent-child activities.
- **Developmental Screenings:** Parents as Teachers offers annual developmental screening opportunities. These screens provide parents/guardians with information regarding their child's development in the areas of hearing, vision, dental, nutritional, language, motor, intellectual and social-emotional development. The goals of developmental screenings are to give parents an understanding of their child's

development as well as identify any potential concern before it could become an obstacle in their child's development.

Developmental screenings for children ages 4 months to 3 yrs 5 months are typically done in the home setting by a certified Parent Educator for families enrolled in the Parents As Teachers program.

Preschool age screenings for children ages 3 yrs 6 months to Kindergarten entry are typically done at the Liberty Early Childhood Center by appointment. To schedule a developmental screening for a preschool age child, please call our office at 736-5324. What do these screenings look like? [Here is a video that shows you!](#)

- **Resource Network:** Families within our program can access other services integrated with Parents as Teachers programs in a broader early childhood program. Parent educators can also provide assistance in finding requested community services.

#### **How can participation in the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program benefit my family?**

- PAT children at age three are significantly more advanced than comparison children in language, problem solving, and other cognitive abilities and social development.
- PAT parents are more involved in their children's schooling which is highly related to a child's success in school.
- PAT children score higher on kindergarten readiness tests and standardized measures of reading, math, and language in early elementary grades.
- PAT parents are more confident in their parenting skills and knowledge; they read more to their children which leads to future school success.

Click here to enroll your child in the Liberty PAT program: [PAT ENROLLMENT FORM](#)

The Liberty Parents as Teachers office is located at the Liberty Early Childhood Center 9600 NE 79th Street, Kansas City, MO 64158

To learn more about the Parents as Teachers National initiative please visit <https://parentsasteachers.org/>