

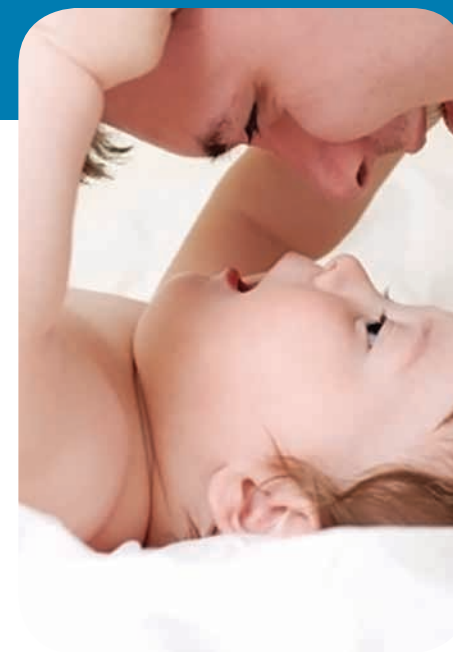
Parents as Teachers is designed to foster strong, loving relationships between parents and their children.

GOALS

- Increase your knowledge of early childhood development
- Provide early detection of developmental and health concerns
- Prevent child abuse and neglect
- Increase school readiness and success

CORE VALUES

- The early years of your child's life are critical for development and provide the foundation for success in school and life
- Parents are their children's first and most important teachers
- Scientific research is the basis for parent education and family support materials, training and services



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A Ready for School initiative of the Faith-Based Taskforce to ensure that every child from birth enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.



Your Child is Born to Learn

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Parents as Teachers
is your partner

What is a Parent Educator?

Being a parent is hard work. A Parent Educator is trained in the Parents as Teachers curriculum. They are trained to partner with you to provide parent education and family support. Children learn more and faster in the first few years than at any other time in their lives. You help shape your child's future through the experiences you provide. Your baby was born to learn, and as a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher.



"A great deal of stress has been relieved now that I have someone helping me find out more about the programs and information that I would like to utilize in raising my daughter." -Sanford, Maine



As a Parents as Teachers family, you receive:

- **PERSONAL VISITS** A trained parent educator will meet you in your own home, share information about your child's development, and talk to you about your parenting questions.
- **PARENT GROUP MEETINGS** Parents learn from and support each other; observe their children with others and practice parenting skills.
- **SCREENING** Parent educators help you assess your child's overall development as well as health, hearing and vision.
- **RESOURCE NETWORK** You will be linked with other community services that can help you.

Parent educators give parents specific advice based on scientific information. This helps parents catch teachable moments everyday to build their child's language, intellectual growth, social development and motor skills.

FAQs

- ▲ **Who qualifies to have a Parent Educator?**
All families with children ages 0 - 3. The education and support offered is valuable regardless of your age, socio-economic or educational status.
- ▲ **Is this home schooling?** No. This is a program to facilitate parents' understanding of their child's early development from birth to age 3.
- ▲ **What does it cost?** It's free!
- ▲ **Why are churches involved with Ready for School?** Churches are located in communities where people are, have willing and capable staff and volunteers and space for meetings. Ready for School fits the mission of churches to meet people's needs in love as representatives of Christ.
- ▲ **Will I have to attend your church to participate?**
You are always welcome, but attendance at any church function isn't required.



Ready for School is here to partner with you!