



Parents as Teachers Program

A free, individualized parenting education program in the home for families with children prenatal through 36 months



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What does Berrien RESA's PAT Program offer?

- 1** *Personal Visits:* Parent Educators prepare an individualized plan for the parents based on the child's stage of development to promote strong parent-child relationships and encourage learning opportunities.
- 2** *Screenings:* Periodic screenings identify strengths and abilities as well as areas of concern that may require referral for follow-up services.
- 3** *Group Events:* Families have opportunities to enjoy playgroups with their children throughout the year, including two annual county-wide events.
- 4** *Community Resources:* Parent Educators offers suggestions to families to access many resources in the community, including activities, events, services and much more!



What do parents learn about their children in Berrien RESA's Parents as Teachers program?

Motor Skills: At birth, the process of mastering the body begins. Infants and toddlers need opportunities to use both large and small muscles. PAT provides a variety of activity ideas that help parents stimulate motor development in their children.

Language Skills: From their first interactions with their newborns, parents learn how to capture the teachable moments in everyday living to enhance language development. PAT encourages parents to ask children questions, to be attentive listeners and to help their children develop a love of reading.

Thinking Skills: Play is a means of developing the basic skills to be used in all of later learning. PAT helps parents recognize and create learning experiences that match the child's merging interests and develop the child's ability to think and reason.

Social Skills: From birth, children need to feel secure and know that they are loved. PAT helps parents develop a nurturing relationship with their children that fosters a positive self-image and respect for others.

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