

SIKESTON R-6 SCHOOLS

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PARENTS AS TEACHERS



**Sikeston Alternative Education Center
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WHAT IS PARENTS AS TEACHERS?



Parents As Teachers is a voluntary program. It is a home-school partnership designed to help parents give their children the best possible start in life and lay the foundation for school success.

Parents As Teachers acknowledges the importance of early-intervention and stresses the importance of parental involvement. It has been shown that parental involvement is the key to a child's academic success.

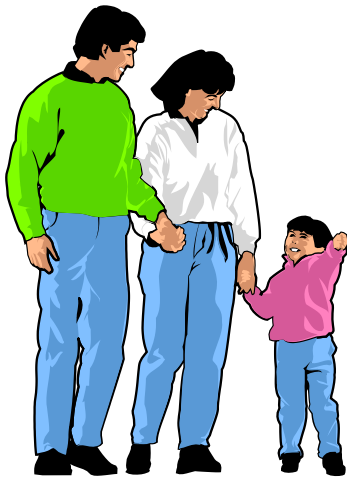
The program employs a parent educator who comes into the homes for planned or scheduled visit. Parents do not have to provide any materials and normally only one hour of their time per month is needed.

Sikeston Parents As Teachers program is located at the Sikeston Alternative Education Center on West Murray Lane.

**For more information,
please contact
(573) 471-0653**

DOES IT COST?

Parents As Teachers is offered as a totally free service to all participants. Funding sources are primarily from the state and may include private sources. The only cost to you, the parent, is a little of you and your child's time.



TEEN PREGNANCY PROGRAM

Parents As Teachers also offers a voluntary teen program. They offer classes for the teenaged parents -to- be, and new parents. The program is offered in the school setting. Two group meetings for parents and children are held throughout the year. Programs provided for this class are designed to support the teen parent and encourage them to remain in school until graduation. Prenatal and child developmental information is shared in the classes.



What Other Services Does P.A.T. Offer?

GROUP MEETINGS

Parents As Teachers also offers at least four group meetings per year for all participating parents. These meetings provide parents and children the opportunity to interact together through various activities. We have Family Night at the Library, Santa Night, Fall Festival, and many other types of meetings.

Parents As Teachers also strives to keep you abreast of issues and activities through newsletters and other types of notifications.

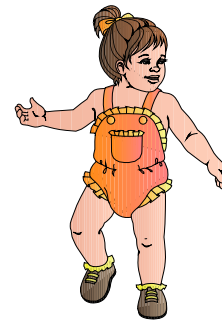


WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Parents As Teachers is designed for the expectant parent and for the child age birth to five years. Families with children age zero to three will be offered at least five home visits per school year. Families with children age three to five will be invited to group meetings and any other P.A.T. sponsored events.

The program is open to all families, regardless of income status.

Parents As Teachers appreciates all referrals to friends and relatives.



HOW WILL PARENTS AS TEACHERS HELP OR BENEFIT ME AND MY CHILD?

Parents As Teachers will benefit your child for years to come by offering you, the parent, developmental information regarding your child's language, social, motor, and cognitive development.

Parents As Teachers provides home-based activities that will foster and encourage developmental progress.

Parents As Teachers offers your child the individualized attention needed at the most formative period of the child's life.

Parents As Teachers offers each family an individualized program to monitor and chart your child's progress.

SCREENINGS

Parents As Teachers also offers annual screenings. A screening is a quick and effective process which can determine if your child has a potential problem area which might prevent his / her ability to learn. It measures developmental progress in four basic areas — motor skills, language, social, and emotional — and also checks their hearing and vision.

The annual screening takes place in February for ages birth through four and in April for children entering kindergarten. Contact the Kindergarten Center office at 471-0653 to make an appointment for your child. Parent Educators also conduct screenings in the home for those children under three years old.

