We also support care providers!

Child care is a fact of life. Approximately three million child care teachers, assistants, and family child care providers in the U.S. care for 10 million children—including six million infants and toddlers—each day. Care providers—those who are with children while their parent’s work or those who step in when parents are otherwise unable to care for their children—play a critical role in the healthy development of children.

About the curricula

Training and two curricula for “provider educators” can greatly influence not only the quality of care but also the healthy development of children in care settings.

Supporting Care Providers Through Personal Visits offers approaches and techniques to build partnerships with care providers, and strategies to engage and support child care providers.

Supporting Infant/Toddler Care Providers recognizes that infants and toddlers learn differently. What is unique is the role of the care provider.

Learning to care for children involves more than a knowledge of child development; it also means being able to share information with parents. Parents as Teachers provider educators help care providers talk to parents.

Because the first years of life are crucial in laying the foundation of children’s development, and because so many young children are in non-parental care during their early years, a continued focus on the quality of care children receive during this critical period is essential. Care for very young children poses special challenges since these children are more likely than older children to be in the care of family, friends or neighbors…the types of care least open to public policy initiatives.

Early relationships matter.

Quality of child care has a lasting impact on children’s well-being and ability to learn. Quality begins with the care provider. Children’s care providers effect influences that shape their development. Children flourish when they receive quality care and attention. So do care providers!

Parents as Teachers supports all types of care providers—whether center-based, family, friend or neighbor—with mentoring visits and tools that provide a structure to pass on knowledge to parents of the children in their care. Parents as Teachers brings information into the care setting that is relevant and tailored to the needs of the care provider.
What is Parents as Teachers?

Parents as Teachers arms families with information, resources and tools to help young children learn, grow and develop. Trained professionals provide personal visits with families, offering parenting support and information.

- Personal visits help parents make good parenting decisions.
- Group connections build a sense of community.
- Screenings ensure children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.
- Referrals connect parents with other needed resources.

Parents as Teachers children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

- Children are healthier.
- Children score higher in kindergarten readiness tests.
- Children better problem solvers.
- Children are more advanced in language and social development.

Parents as Teachers is a worldwide leader in the delivery of evidence-based home visiting and parent engagement tools that demonstrate successful results in school readiness and health and development of young children.

Some of our best partners are child care providers who realize how parenting education and engagement can strengthen a community. Our goal is to help parents engage with their children in ways that lead to a lifetime of good health, educational achievement, and future success.

Engage with us!

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