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Congress Passes Bipartisan Budget Act which also Reauthorizes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Statement by Constance Gully, President and CEO of Parents as Teachers National Center

Parents as Teachers is thrilled that Congress, in the Bipartisan Budget Act, has reauthorized the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program for five years, at level funding with only small policy changes. We are relieved that this is finally done. Our national network of home visiting professionals and state and tribal partners have been in a state of uncertainty for several months. This action by Congress provides the stability they need to continue making an impact in the lives of children and families.

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About Parents as Teachers National Center

Parents as Teachers builds strong communities, thriving families and children that are healthy, safe and ready to learn by matching parents and caregivers with trained professionals during a child’s earliest years in life, from pregnancy through kindergarten. Parents as Teachers internationally recognized evidence-based home visiting model is backed by 35 years of research-proven outcomes for children and families and currently serves 121,000 families in 50 U.S. states, 115 Tribal organizations, five other countries and one U.S. territory. Parents as Teachers is headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. Parents as Teachers affiliates operate in various settings, including health departments, hospitals, schools, faith-based and non-profit organizations. For more information, visit parentsasteachers.org or Twitter @NatlPAT.