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Congress Supports Families Affected by Opioids
Parents as Teachers applauds bipartisan bill that keeps families Intact

St. Louis, MO (September 17, 2018) In response to Senate adoption and passage of the Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018 Constance Gully, president and chief executive officer for Parents as Teachers offered the following statement:

“We appreciate the leadership and bipartisanship that has led to passage of the Opioid Crisis Response Act. The bill allows states to put families first when substance abuse treatment is needed by a parent; assures that families can remain together when a parent needs treatment; and that they may also receive counseling, referrals and other support such as home visiting to support family bonding during the recovery process. Because the early childhood period is so critical to the optimal growth and learning of children, and a child is often a catalyst that encourages parents to change their lives, we applaud the Congress in assuring that more families can receive the services and support they need.”

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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 with 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 www.parentsasteachers.org or Twitter @NatLPAT.