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Parents as Teachers recognizes 87
Affiliates as Blue Ribbon performers
Selections show superior execution of evidence-based home visiting

ST. LOUIS, MO – Nov. 12, 2018 – Eighty-seven programs that partner with Parents as Teachers (PAT) and implement its evidence-based home visiting model, have been designated as Blue Ribbon affiliates, a classification that distinguishes them as some of the nation’s top performing family support institutions.

PAT is a non-profit, internationally recognized home visiting organization with headquarters here. Blue Ribbon affiliates are organizations that implement the PAT model and have earned a special five-year recognition for completing a quality and compliance endorsement review by Parents as Teachers National Center.

To earn Blue Ribbon status, an affiliate must complete a Quality Endorsement and Improvement process that demonstrates that it meets the Essential Requirements, and at least 75 percent of the Quality Standards, confirming high quality operations and services. The process is rigorous and helps PAT reveal increased accountability to communities, funders, elected officials and the partner organizations with which it works.

Allison Kemner, PAT vice president of Research and Quality, said the process also helps to ensure that affiliates are meeting the needs of the community and accomplishing their goals and intended outcomes.

“The Blue Ribbon is a symbol of pride and excellence and demonstrates that a program is exemplary and committed to offering the highest quality of home visiting services to children and families,” said Kemner. “We want to thank these affiliates for the time and effort they put into earning this prestigious status within our organization.”

The new Blue Ribbon affiliates will be formally recognized at the 2019 Parents as Teachers International Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. For a complete list of PAT Blue Ribbon affiliates, visit https://parentsasteachers.org/affiliates-2

About Parents as Teachers
Parents as Teachers (PAT) builds strong communities, thriving families and children that are healthy, safe and ready to learn by matching parents and caregivers with trained professionals who make regular personal home visits during a child’s earliest years in life, from pregnancy through kindergarten. The internationally-recognized evidence-based home visiting model is backed by 35 years of research-proven outcomes for children and families. PAT currently serves nearly 200,000 families in all 50 U.S. states, 115 Tribal organizations, six other countries, and one U.S. territory. Parents As Teachers National Center, Inc., is a non-profit organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. # # #