Parents as Teachers Names Six New Board Members

ST. LOUIS, MO – June 14, 2019 - Parents as Teachers (PAT), the nation’s most replicated early childhood development home visiting model, appoints six new members to its board of directors: Sara Jane Blackman, Lori Connors-Tados, Dr. Mary V. Mason, Dr. Dipesh Navsaria, Lesli Rotenberg and Dr. Joshua Sparrow. They officially join the board on July 1.

Constance Gully, PAT’s president and CEO, said the board helps PAT fulfill its mission and vision to ensure that all children will develop, learn and grow to realize their full potential.

“I am excited to welcome these dynamic individuals to our board of directors,” Gully said. “Each of them brings a wealth of experience, a passion for strengthening children and families, and the desire to envision an ambitious future for Parents as Teachers.”

Blackman serves as the Georgia Parents as Teachers State Leader; certified to conduct state and regional training for the organization. Connors-Tados, Ph.D. is the senior project director for the Center on Enhancing Early Learning Outcomes at the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University. Mason, M.D., MBA, FACP, is senior vice president and chief medical officer at the Specialty Companies of Centene Corp.

Dr. Navsaria is a pediatrician with graduate degrees in public health, children’s librarianship, physician assistant studies and medicine. Rotenberg is chief programming executive and general manager of Children’s Media and Education at Public Broadcast Station (PBS). Sparrow, M.D., DFAACAP, is executive director of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center in the Division of Development of Medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital. PAT board members serve three-year terms with options to stay on an additional three.

About Parents as Teachers
Parents as Teachers (PAT) builds healthy communities, thriving families, and children that are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. It matches 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.