

# Welcome to Parents as Teachers

*Children come into this world ready for love and learning. You are your child's first and most influential teacher. But your baby was not born with directions! Parents as Teachers informs, supports, and encourages parents like you in this important role.*

Parents as Teachers has a vision: that all children will grow and develop to reach their full potential. Isn't that what we all want for our children? Through Parents as Teachers, you will partner with a parent educator focused on your child's healthy growth and development.

Your parent educator will personalize information to fit with your family's needs, concerns, and hopes. Together you will discuss goals for you as a parent and for your child. You will build on your strengths and skills.

## Parent-child interaction

The love you have for your child and your warm, responsive interactions support her trust in this new wonderful world. With your love and interactions, she will grow and thrive.

## Development-centered parenting

Share what you see your child doing. Your parent educator will help connect those behaviors and actions to what is happening in her development.

## Family well-being

You are building a healthy, nurturing environment for your child. Your parent educator is there to broaden your knowledge as you make decisions for your child and family.

## Contact information

*If questions come up between visits, or if you need to reschedule, you can contact your parent educator using this information.*

\_\_\_\_\_ (parent educator's name)

> **The best way to reach my parent educator is:**

> **The best time is:**

> **I would like my parent educator to contact me by:**

*Thank you for letting us be a partner with you and your family!*

These are some things Parents as Teachers is prepared to offer you. As in any two-way partnership, there are things you promise and things your parent educator promises to deliver.

## Parent educator responsibilities

As your partner I will:

1. Schedule a visit with you at a convenient time and place for each of us. This visit will last around one hour, usually in your home. It will include all the family members who would like to participate.
2. I will bring information about questions you have asked and information you have requested.
3. I will encourage and support you in your interactions with your child.
4. I will support you on your parenting journey.

## Parent responsibilities

As your partner I will:

1. Share information about what my child has been doing and how my child played with the activities and ideas you gave me between visits.
2. Ask questions and follow up on ideas that you have given me to help my family.
3. I will be present and ready to participate at the agreed upon time by:
  - > Having the television turned off.
  - > Gathering agreed-upon materials to use during our visit.
  - > Participating in the activity with my child.
4. Be my child's best, most influential teacher.