

Parents play a critical role in their child's development.

Program Description

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an evidence-based home visiting program designed to build strong communities, thriving families and children who are healthy, safe and ready to succeed. PAT services include:

1. **Personal Visits** at least twice monthly
2. **Monthly Group Connections** with other PAT families
3. **Screenings and Assessments** to identify developmental concerns
4. **Connections to Outside Resources** that families may need to succeed

Jasper County First Steps serves families in greatest need. Among our PAT families:

96% ... live in poverty
57% ... didn't graduate from high school
16% ... were teen parents



"It is our duty, as parents and as teachers, to give all children the space to build their emotional strength and provide a strong foundation for their future."

Kate Middleton

PAT by the Numbers 2017-18

Families Served	37	
Children Served	46	
Total Home Visits	495	
Hours Spent Serving Families	522	
Average gain, <i>Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale</i> (pre-to-post):	KIPS +.08	ACIRI Adult .19 Child .11

This year, our Parents as Teachers program:

- ✓ Averaged 2 home visits per family
- ✓ Identified and addressed XX potential developmental delays, and made 6 (15%) connections for families to services such as BabyNet, and School District Special Education and Child Care Scholarships
- ✓ Improved parenting practices through reflective practices and positive modeling during home visits as indicated using Keys to Interactive Parenting Skills
- ✓ Improved literacy skills indicated using Adult-Child Interactive Reading Inventory, activities from PAT lessons, 221 of books distributed

Thank you to our PAT partners!

Jasper Co Schools	DSS - Jasper
Faith Communities	Wright Directions
Vocational Rehab	PASOs
Volunteers In Medicine	Pregnancy Center of the Lowcountry

Evidence of Effectiveness:

Parents as Teachers meets the First Steps legislation's definition of an **evidence-based** program.

