

## About The Program

Parents as Teachers is part of the Home Visiting Program in Nueces County. This home based parenting education program is open to families who live in Nueces County and have one or more children from birth to five (5) years of age.

Parent Educators visit the families either in their homes or an appropriate meeting space. The educator teaches parents how to be the best first teacher to their child/children. Programming includes parent-child activities, group social events, developmental screenings, hearing and vision screenings, and assessments on how to help families be resilient and better prepared for the child's first day of school.

**LEARNING**

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**Parents as Teachers children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.**

- ◆ They score higher on kindergarten readiness tests.
- ◆ They're better problem solvers.
- ◆ They're more advanced in language and social development.

**Be a Parent as Teachers Parent!**

- ◆ Be more involved in your child's education.
- ◆ Connect to your child through play and reading time.
- ◆ Be confident in your role as a parent.



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## How Does It Work?

Since this is your child and your family, you set the agenda for each personal visit. Your personal parent educator is there to provide well-researched information to help you make good parenting decisions... and to provide concrete support for you in times of need.

Group connections link you to other parents just like you so you can learn and grow together as parents. Regular screenings will make sure your child is healthy, safe and developing on track.

### Need More Help or Special Resources?

Your educator will make the introduction and connect you.

## Parent Educator Responsibilities

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



## Healthy & Happy Families



## Parent Responsibilities

- ◆ Share information about what your child has been doing and how your child played with the activities and ideas the parent educator provided for you between visits.
- ◆ Ask questions and follow up on ideas the parent educator has given you to help your family.
- ◆ You and your child need to be present and ready to participate at the agreed upon time by:
  - A. Having the television turned off.
  - B. Gathering agreed-upon materials to use during the visit.
  - C. Participate in the activity with your child.
- ◆ Call your personal educator if you are unable to meet to reschedule.
- ◆ Be your child's best, most influential teacher.