



Parents as Teachers™

Your Baby was Born to **Learn**

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The Circle of Care aspires to help make Chambers County a place where children are protected and loved, individuals are respected, families are empowered, and community is valued.



As a Parent, you are your child's first and most influential teacher. Parents as Teachers can help you lay a strong foundation for your child's future success in school. Parents as Teachers is offered free of charge to parents throughout their pregnancy and until their child reaches five years of age.

Parents as Teachers provides:

- ☑ Home visits by a certified parent educator
- ☑ Fun, interactive activities that benefit your child
- ☑ Group meetings with other parents to share parenting experiences and talk about other topics
- ☑ Vision, hearing & developmental screenings
- ☑ Connections to community resources
- ☑ Prenatal services
- ☑ Information about other Circle of Care programs

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Parents as Teachers is a strong evidence-based home visiting model providing a broad context of parenting education and family support, and building protective factors, especially for those families in vulnerable situations. At its core, Parents as Teachers is relationship-based and parenting-focused. Our approach and curriculum focus on parent-child interaction, development-centered parenting, and family well-being; on strengths, capabilities and skills; and on building protective factors within the family. Parents as Teachers serves a range of families with high needs—not just first time parents, pregnant parents or teen parents—and offers services throughout the continuum from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

A newly revised curriculum with an increased emphasis on evidence-based practices for working with vulnerable populations and a strengthened home visiting model with a heightened focus on quality means Parents as Teachers is well positioned to demonstrate success and document model fidelity.

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The Parents as Teachers program: its impact on school readiness and later school achievement

Based on a report by: Judy Pfannenstiel, M.A., President and Senior Research Associate, Research & Training Associates, Inc. and Edward Zigler, Ph.D., Sterling Professor of Psychology, Emeritus, Yale University

Participation in Parents as Teachers predicts children's school readiness and third grade achievement, regardless of income level.

- Parents in the Parents as Teachers program read more frequently to their young children and were more likely to enroll their children in preschool, both of which were positively linked to school readiness and later school achievement.
 - A large percentage (82%) of poor children who participated with high intensity in both Parents as Teachers and preschool entered kindergarten ready to learn, as compared to only 64% of poor children who had no involvement in either service. A similar pattern emerged for more affluent children (93% vs. 81%).
 - At third grade, 88% of poor children who participated with high intensity in both Parents as Teachers and preschool reached a benchmark level of performance on state Communication Arts test, as compared to 77% of poor children who had no involvement in either service. Here again, the pattern of results was similar for more affluent children (97% vs. 93%).
- In addition, Parents as Teachers combined with preschool shows promise for narrowing the much-discussed achievement gap between low income students and more affluent students.
- For poor children, high intensity Parents as Teachers and preschool participation appears to narrow the achievement gap at kindergarten entry and third grade. Eighty-two percent of these poor children were ready for kindergarten, as compared to 81% of their more affluent peers with no preschool experience or Parents as Teachers participation. At third grade, a similar pattern emerged (88% vs. 93%).



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Parents As Teachers FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Parents As Teachers?

The PARENTS AS TEACHERS program provides information that supports and encourages parents to help their children develop during the crucial early years of life. The program is centered on a curriculum, by the same name, that is used across the nation. The PARENTS AS TEACHERS curriculum has been used for fifteen years by the Circle of Care's Special Deliveries program.

What is the Circle of Care?

The Circle of Care is a family service centers that offers programs to the residents of Chambers County. Our programs are voluntary and are designed to offer support to better ensure your success.

Are the Circle of Care and DHR the same agency?

No. DHR is one of our many community partners. While we are grateful for this relationship, we are separate organizations. The Circle of Care does receive some funding from the Alabama Department of Human Resources, but PARENTS AS TEACHERS and SPECIAL DELIVERIES are not directly funded by the Department of Human Resources.

Does the program cost anything?

The program is totally free.

Can transportation be arranged in order to participate?

The program happens in your home. We come to you, so transportation is not an issue. In some cases we may even be able to provide you transportation to a doctor's appointment at no cost to you.

What other services are available to me?

As part of this program you are eligible to receive other services from the Circle of Care. We offer a broad array of services. There are also incentives available. Our incentives are practical and items you will really need for your baby.

What if the program is not a "good fit" for me?

We have saved the favorite question for last. Sometimes parents have worried about how can one leave the program if it turns out not to be what they expected. All you have to do is tell your parent educator that you no longer wish to be in program. It's that simple. However, we think that if you give it a try, you will be hooked. In many cases your parent educator will become one of the most vital resources you will have. The home visits are interactive, fun, and provide you with practical information. Chances are, if you join the program, you will recruit your friends to join, too!

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Parents As Teachers

REFERRAL FORM

Circle of Care Staff:

Parent Educator: _____

Case Opened: _____

Date of First Visit: _____

Case Number: _____

Mother's name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Race: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Will the child's father be participating in the program? Yes _____ No _____

Baby's Date of Birth: _____ or Mother's estimated Delivery Date: _____

Do you have a support system in place? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have any concerns for yourself or your baby? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Referral Source: _____ Self

_____ School

_____ Doctor

_____ Family/Friend

_____ Other _____

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Parental/Guardian Consent Form

Circle of Care Staff:

Parent Educator: _____

Case Opened: _____

Date of First Visit: _____

Case Number: _____

I, _____, give my permission for my minor child to participate in the Parents As Teachers home visitation program conducted by the Circle of Care Center for Families Parent Educator. I also give permission for my child to participate in any group meetings or school presentations/workshops. I understand that these programs are voluntary and free of charge.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Participating Minor Signature

Date

Birth Date of Child or Due Date: _____



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Community Partner Recruitment Kit

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