

# Parents as Teachers

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## Mission

Provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

## Program Services

Home visits  
Group meetings  
Screenings  
Information & Referral  
Resource Room

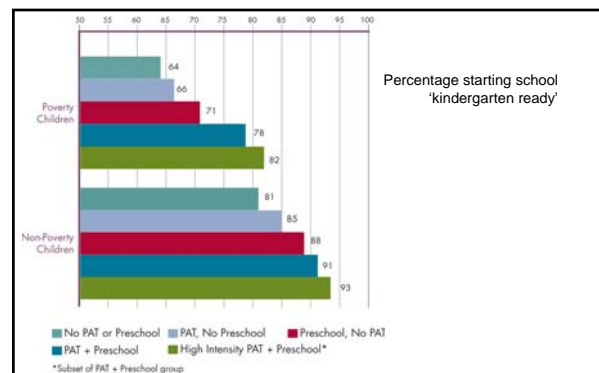
## Texas Programs

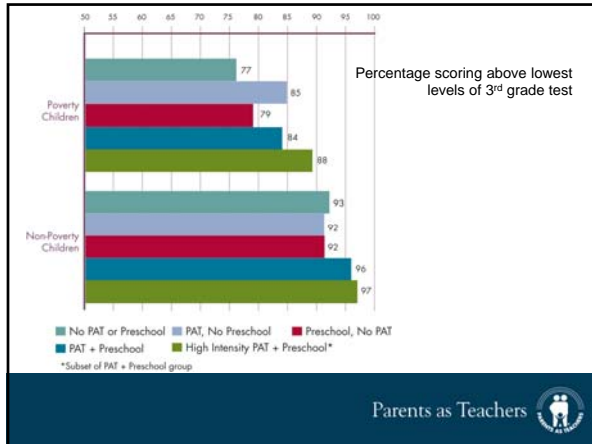
120 programs in Texas – schools, nonprofits, child care centers, faith community

Stand alone program or incorporated into larger program

## What the research tells us

- Increase parent knowledge
- Provide early detection of delays
- Prevent child abuse/neglect
- Increase school readiness





### Parents as Teachers: keeping Texas children healthy and safe

- Immunizations
- Screenings
- Referrals
- Child abuse/neglect

### Who are Parents as Teachers families in Texas?

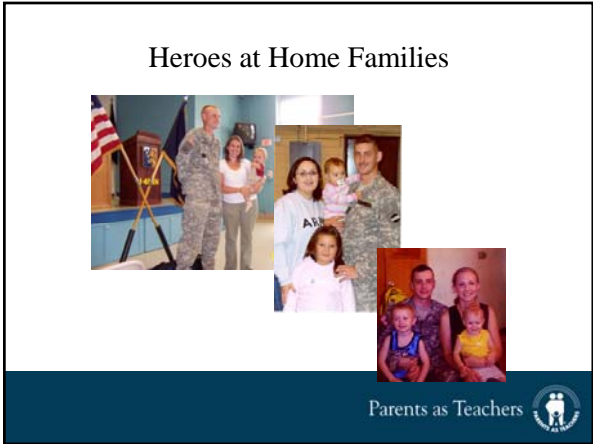
- 15% European-American
- 85% Families of color
- 65% Hispanic/Latino
- 2,400 speak Spanish
- 1,784 have a foreign-born parent
- 89% of Parents as Teachers programs serve fragile families

### TEXAS PAT HIGHLIGHTS

- 1986 – among first outside of Missouri
- 1989 – first state training team certified
- Special pilots and projects with National PAT:
  - Research recruitment and retention
  - Play centers for homeless shelters
  - Quality assurance
  - Neurotoxins
- National Board Members from Texas

### Who are Texas parent educators?

- 47% bilingual
- 44% speak fluent Spanish



## Training for any parent educator:

Working with Teens

Working with Families with Special Needs

Neurotoxins

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## Education Begins at Home

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Here's what others are saying

- [www.strengtheningfamilies.org](http://www.strengtheningfamilies.org)
- [www.childtrends.org](http://www.childtrends.org)
- [www.promisingpractices.net](http://www.promisingpractices.net)
- <http://casat.unr.edu/westcapt>
- [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

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