

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an internationally recognized evidence and research-based home visiting program designed to support parents as their child's first and best teacher. The overall goal of the program is to support families and improve kindergarten readiness in young children.

The DuPage Regional Office of Education's PAT program follows the essential requirements of the model, which provides expectations for program design, infrastructure, service delivery and represents best practices in the field.

Program efforts support families facing many challenges by providing:

- Increased connection to community resources
- Early identification of developmental delays that often go unnoticed
- Support navigating the early childhood system and a smoother transition to preschool

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