



All children will develop, learn and grow to realize their full potential.



2017-2018 Snapshot

*Serving families in Anchorage, Haines,
Hoonah, Kake, Kodiak, Juneau, Mt. Village
and Stebbins*

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| 1,845 | Home Visits |
| 164 | Families Served |
| 156 | Screenings |
| 106 | Group Connections |
| 25% | Alaskan Native |
| 52% | Low-income |

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Parents as Teachers is an **evidence-based home visiting model** that promotes the optimal early development, learning, and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. Parents as Teachers programs have been operating in Alaska since 1990.

Our sites tailor services to the needs of local communities. Programs can serve families prenatally through Kindergarten, and enroll families anytime during that continuum. Services can be offered universally, or targeted to other specific populations depending on community needs assessments and funding guidelines.

Our trained professionals provide personal visits, health and developmental screenings, group meetings, and connect families to resources. During visits parent educators focus on parent-child interaction, development-centered parenting and family well-being. Parent educators, who deliver services, receive specialized training in structural and process fidelity and in the application of evidence-based practices.

For 2018-19, four Parents as Teachers Affiliate programs are providing services in six communities: Anchorage, Haines, Hoonah, Juneau, Kake and Kodiak. Three programs provide services through grants from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development and the fourth Affiliate provides services through a federal Tribal Maternal Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting grant (TMIECHV). Other small grants and in-kind contributions help to support local services.

A range of research studies demonstrate that Parents as Teachers makes a difference in the lives of parents and children by achieving the following outcomes:¹

- > **Preventing child abuse and neglect.**
- > **Increasing a child's school readiness and school success.**
- > **Increasing parental knowledge of early childhood development.**
- > **Providing early detection of developmental delays and health issues.**

In the long term, Parents as Teachers helps build strong communities, thriving families and children that are healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

¹ For a research bibliography visit: www.ParentsAsTeachers.org



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Affiliate Organization

AEYC Southeast Alaska

Cook Inlet Tribal Council*

Kids' Corps, Inc. **

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

*TMIECHV

** Blue Ribbon Affiliate

Early Vision Screenings Prevents Blindness in Child

"We want to thank you and the Parents as Teachers Program for the vision and hearing screening that are provided. Dr. Arnold told us that Oscar could be the poster child for early intervention by photo vision screening.

If we wouldn't have been in Parents as Teachers program, he would most likely have been legally blind, if untreated, by the age of 5. The brain stops accepting signals from the eye and they cannot be regained.

Oscar still sees Dr. Arnold every six months and continues to do very well with his glasses and is able to use both eyes. He did not lose any vision as a result of the early screening and are still so very thankful for the program!

-Excerpt from letter from PAT Mom, Julie Chelmo, Kodiak



Oscar in his new glasses.