

Parents and Children Together (PACT)

Families with children ages 0-3



- Home visitation parenting program which uses modeling, referral services, and age-appropriate developmental activities to involve parents in raising their children's readiness skills for school.

Results



- Children whose families participated in PAT had significantly higher school readiness scores on all three assessment tests.
- PAT children had significantly higher grades in kindergarten than non-participants.
- Significantly fewer PAT participants were enrolled in remedial education in grade 1.

The Program

Parents and Children Together (PACT) is an enhanced home visitation program modeled from the Parents As Teachers (PAT) program in Missouri. Parent educators coach parents to be the first and most influential teacher for their children.

Services include:

- monthly home visits by certified parent educators,
- periodic developmental screenings for vision, hearing, language, motor, and social skills,
- resource and referral services,
- parent group meetings, and
- a lending library of child development and parenting books, assorted videos, and age-appropriate toys.

Parent educators provide information to participants regarding their child's development and demonstrate parenting techniques, such as disciplinary practices or activities to promote language development.

PACT is aimed particularly at preventing future school problems, so it has been designed to involve more interagency cooperation. The combination of PACT and other service agencies is designed to raise the readiness skills of participating children by the time they enter school.

Professional Development

All parent educators are required to attend a five-day institute followed by a sixth day once practice is implemented.

Costs & Funding Options

Cost for Prenatal – three-years of age is \$525 for training and \$275 for materials. Training is five days with a sixth follow-up.

Learning Standards

The program addresses early literacy.

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