

The purpose of this survey is to learn how Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers is making a difference and how we can make our program the best that it can be.

As a reminder, SM Parents as Teachers offers to **all families** (see highlighted below) the following:

- ✓ Group Connections – designed to increase parent’s knowledge of child’s development
- ✓ Child Screenings – provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues
- ✓ Resource Network – link all Shawnee Mission families to other community resources
- ✓ Play Center – a location where families can focus on play with their child
- ✓ PTA – hosts parent-child creative and fun-filled events

What about this program has been most helpful to you and your family?

The connections and tools to help my child learn.
Understanding new stages of development and getting advice about how to approach challenges.
The reassurance I receive from my parent educator as well as different ways to help my daughter grow and learn
New activity ideas
The home visits!
I enjoy having somebody that I have built a personal relationship that I can ask questions to about my child.
Having someone explain the “phases” that my child is going through and that they are normal.
The convenience of having someone come to the home and within our schedule’s means. All of the handouts are very helpful along with additional resources from educators’ experience. We have not had a chance to visit the play center or events but are interested.
So many things! I like the play center . It’s been so fun for my toddler. I wish it was open more days of the the week and had more days with mixed ages. I also wish it was available past age 3! I like the home visits. They are informative and very convenient for screenings and learning about my children’s development.
Home visits and discussions and helpful suggestions. Also reviewing the ASQ and developmental milestones
When my daughter wasn't hitting mass motor milestones, my parent educator helped us get in touch with Infant Toddler Services which resulted in physical therapy to help her walk. Parents as Teachers caught the missed milestone long before my pediatrician did.
Just having someone to talk to has been wonderful!
Our parent educator has been so helpful to our family as we have navigated life with a preemie. She has eased our worries and encouraged us in ways where we felt empowered. She's a wealth of knowledge and we love our visits with her.
The encouragement to involve your child in activities outside the home.
We love our parent educator! She is flexible with time and is always great to talk to.
Our parent educator helps me understand developmental achievements and gives advice on how we can help our twins’ progress. She also is very encouraging when I'm doing something right as a parent which is honestly really nice to hear. Without her, I wouldn't be sure if they were on track or not.
I look forward to having our parent educator in our home to help me identify areas that I need to work on with my son as well as for encouragement in the areas that he is doing well in. It really has given me peace of mind in a number of ways to know that my son is growing and developing as he should.
Great resources for checking developmental milestones and getting inspiration for educational activities. Information through conversation and handouts. Opportunity to connect with teachers and other parents. Play center and organized events are wonderful.

Suggestions on when to seek outside help.
Having someone who knows a lot more about child development than I do as an open, honest resource.
Understanding the developmental milestones I should be monitoring and aiming for.
This program has been a lifesaver as a first time parent. The valuable resources it has provided from our excellent educators, the play center , handouts, events - we've used it all!
The monthly visits help me understand my child's progress. I also appreciate the play center times . These allow my child to interact with others and try new toys. I can also connect with other parents there.
Discussion of milestones and resources.
We love our parent educator and look forward to our home visits. She is very kind, knowledgeable, helpful, and nonjudgmental. She is a wonderful parent educator! We also love attending playgroup and have participated in several group activities and parent classes that are offered. We love PAT!!
Being able to ask questions about specific issues or concerns I have with my child and/or his behaviors (i.e., sleeping, eating, discipline)
Great sounding board for advice or any issues we're working through with our child.
Everything but especially my own parent teacher.
Peace of mind that someone knowledgeable is keeping an eye on my daughters development and giving me new ideas to help her.
I like knowing he's on track for his development and if I'm unsure if something is normal or not I have that resource to find out
It has been a great resource for information and inspiration. We loved having the developmental screenings at home without educator. Also, the opportunity to connect with educators and other parents in the area was of tremendous help. Play center and organized events for kids were always wonderful too.
The evaluations to measure my son's development
As first-time parents, my parent educator has helped us recognize milestones which are being met and also changes which we might need to be making. It does make us less stressed to know when we are on the right track, and also to be aware of resources which are available to us. She is also so kind to us and Ruby. We appreciate the hour that we spend with her every time! The extra activities such as the play center and other classes that are available are so great! Gives us an opportunity to get her out of the house since she doesn't attend daycare! Thank you to everyone in the PAT program for making all of the pieces fit together and work for families!
The talk transition from my pregnancy to newborn development.
The understanding of my child and her development. Also what to expect and what to do in certain situations.
Important information for my child
Having someone that can explain the new things that we have not previously experienced
Support and encouragement. As new parents we have no idea what we're doing and it feels like our parent educator helps keep us on the right track
An additional touch point that ensures timely development. It has provided a lot of additional resources and ideas that we were unaware of.
Learning about child development
Our parent educator is great! We always enjoy when she comes for a visit.
Getting a professional opinion if my child is achieving their milestones
It's been great to run questions or concerns by our parent education regarding our daughter. She's been a great resource to us.
Suggestions on behavior
Our parent educator has been amazingly supportive. She is always kind and friendly and helpful. It was so nice, especially early on, to have a partner to ask questions of and lean on for advice and guidance. I feel incredible lucky to have found this program.
In part just a gut check that things are going right and our son is on track development wise.
It gives us ideas of games and activities to help with child's development and advice on how to deal with challenges we face

Making sure my preemie twin girls are staying on track and are developing well.
It helps to have someone that knows about resources like the free vision screenings. It also is reassuring to hear that my baby is developing at a normal rate.
I love having someone to talk to when I have questions about my child's development. The internet is full of information and it can be very overwhelming. I always know I can ask any questions and I will receive research-based answers and solutions.
Understanding my child's behavior
The fact that my parent educator comes to me.
Checking in monthly to ensure my child is on track with important developmental milestones
Discussing milestones, resources, and the guidance provided by our educator. We also love attending the weekend activities and parent classes.
As a new parent, this program has both made me confident in the things we are teaching our daughter, as well as understanding that all parents deal with a lot of the same things. Such a great program!
I love everything about this program... from day one, our educator has provided me with information, support, guidance and overall confidence in my parenting abilities. I have questions about our twins, their development and my parenting styles every single time she visits and every time she leaves I feel more confident and better equipped to educate them and parent them to the best of my ability. I love the monthly visits, the Play Center, the PTA activities and the overall sense of community within the PAT program.
Talking through my children's development
Getting information about my child's development & having support & encouragement and being able to ask questions.
Information provided about development, ability to discuss/problem, concerns, encouragement, fun program, emotional support
Awareness on skills child needs to learn
Someone to check in with regarding any concerns I have in a professional way.
Advice about potty training since I didn't have a clue!
Community resources and events
The individualized advice from someone who has known my child over time.
answered questions information on my child's development
Learning the developmental milestones for my child. given great advice and resources to help my child grow & learn
Learning different playing & parenting activities to aid in Hadley's development
It helps me to think about my children from an educators stand point and gives me a new perspective on parenting.
Being able to ask questions and get ideas for activities to do at home
Checking in monthly to guide me along in my parenthood journey
Having monthly meetings to discuss challenges with my kids/family is very helpful. Also having resources in the community has been helpful.
Our parent educator is very observant! She notices things about my child and helps to build his strengths and aid in development. I look forward to her visits.
The home visits, advice received, and handouts
Learning about age appropriate developmental activities and ways to encourage my child in the areas that need improvement
Helps with my work (unique) schedule, finding solutions for that.
Parent handouts with things to do with my child and discussion about concerns and milestones and how to work through them.
PAT helped create confidence in being a first time parent. Helped us learn & grow. Helped recognize his delay in speech & get help correcting
I like the home-made toy suggestions.
Being able to ask our parent educator questions about my son's health eating habits, educations, etc. I think the handouts are helpful to help our son learn & develop.

Answering Developmental Questions
Love the visits for addressing questions & getting reference materials & tips. Also the night programs are helpful.
Just helping us navigate what is normal and how to work thru the current development stage. Our parent educator always starts with asking how we are and what we are doing rather than a prescribed or assumed circumstances. Also helps my husband and I find common ground on our points of view.
Learning new things to do & activities that I can be doing w/my daughter to help w/her development.
Having a person check on us & give input & ideas & strategies to help with issues.
Knowing the milestones and having an outside resource.
Monthly visits to discuss developmental milestones between visits with the pediatrician
We love the home visits with our parent educator
Monthly visits to discuss developmental milestones between pediatrician visits
I love having the handouts to refer to later and/or share with my husband. My educator does such a great job of staying upbeat even when addressing tricky things with my child. She has a great relationship with my child and he looks forward to her visits.
Taking a moment once a month to reflect on our parenting as it relates to our son's development at that time.
Talking about what is age appropriate behavior and tactics to deal with behavior issues.
Handouts! Reading overall the tips has helped me so much to get ideas on how to interact and help my kids.
Getting tips/ideas and resources about parenting
The age appropriate activities and handouts that help me understand my child development better.
I love the different activities that my parent educator brings with her during her visits. She lets me know what is developmentally appropriate at each visit.
I love learning new activities to do with my child. I also love the events they hold so we can go to them as a family. My son is always engaged during visits and loves the new activities.
Developmental screenings to make sure my child is on target, extra community resources
The additional support and "eyes" on our child as he navigates the early years.
Her advice and handouts!
Getting useful feedback on milestones and suggestions related to behavior.
I have loved having someone get to know me, and my child, and be able to offer personable advice. I have also enjoyed the activities.
To know more information to communicate, interact with child.
Understanding our child's development and giving us a better insight on the child's perspective when it comes to parenting.
Everything! This has been the most amazing experience.
Getting answers to all of my many questions as a first-time mother.
The classes & my educator
The home visits with all the parenting advice and tips.
I have learned where my son is on track and areas to work on. We have enjoyed having our parent educator be a part of our lives.
Having someone come & visit who understood child development. It was nice to have another resource besides the doctor.
Todo me a servido mucho
Las tips de como ayudar a enfocar so energea.
Learning strategies for potty training & disciplining positively.
Tips & tricks to help my child learn & develop
Being new parents it's helpful to know if your child is on track developmentally. Being provided tools & resources to help your child develop & thrive was very helpful. The activity ideas and activities put on by the association were beneficial as well.

We love our home visits with our parent educator. This is my favorite part of the PAT program. Franny loves her time with our parent educator. She has helped me understand each phase of her child development.
Suggestions on games/activities to try -Help with questions I have -Connections to PAT events
Having my PAT educator re-assure me of what is normal, give me tips, and support -My son always gets so excited when our parent educator comes over -I utilize the play center and programs regularly
Ideas about sleep, feeding, and play.
Child development information, classes, & play center
Understanding milestones & things to practice & look out for.
Learning new activities & ways to foster development.
Making sure my child is on track with other kids her age and being able to ask questions.
I love learning about what to expect from my children as they grow. Being a parent is exhausting at times and I always feel energized with new parenting techniques after our visit. PAT really helps me to be a better parent.
Our parent educator does a great job of problem-solving with me and giving me good ideas that I hadn't thought of. She is very understanding and I feel comfortable talking with her.
The personal visits with the one-on-one interaction have been the most helpful. My child gets excited to try the different activities that our parent educator may bring that day. Another helpful part is the handouts. They are easy to read and full of great information. Our family loves this program!
Objective third party to discuss behavior and developmental questions- just having an unbiased view is invaluable
It's very useful to have regular follow-up with parent educator and learn how my child develops and grows.
Making sure we're on track with milestones.
Our parent educator has been such a helpful resource! She has helped me graduate to each "next step" with confidence! She encourages new developmental tactics in a way that makes me feel like I'm doing a great job & there's lots of new things today.
Having someone from the outside to talk to and see my child progress and know what typical behavior is and to help problem solve.
LOVE this program - so helpful to learn of inexpensive/cheap toys that my child loves.
Developmental milestones & strategies
The program has helped us be confident in the strategies we use with our son's learning and has helped us come up with new learning techniques when there was an area of weakness.
One-on-one visits
It's been really helpful to have someone to talk about milestones, benchmarks, and typical development with someone. Additionally, our parent educator is easy to talk to and always provides great resources.
I love having someone that checks in on our learning milestones, particularly when our daughter was a late(r) walker.
The monthly visits and ideas that are brought are always welcomed!
The suggestions by the educator about games to play and what is important developmentally for my child at the time (like pretend play, improving motor skills).
Reading the handouts to refresh myself on developmentally appropriate expectations. Occasionally my educator offers some suggestions regarding activities to help support my child's development
We've really enjoyed the home visits and getting to hear about upcoming developments for our daughter and how to help encourage her with those. We also really liked the baby sign class and have attended other things in the community that we learned about from our parent educator.
Our parent educator is so helpful answering all of my developmental questions and easing fears. She also is great at giving us resources and handouts on what is going on with our daughter. We love PAT!
Great resource for information and support
It's nice to have a resource for best practices from someone who counsels a lot of families.
Reassurance about our baby's development. Having an outside unbiased resource.

I like that our parent educator comes out to the house to visit and check in. She has been very helpful with discussing sleep habits to set forth for my child most recently.
Relationship with our parent educator - she is amazing and filled with good ideas and encouragement
Having to ability to check-in with development and anticipating needs in the upcoming stages. Being able to discuss concerns and ask questions has been such a valuable tool and resource for our family. I am so grateful to have this program.
We appreciate being able to check in on my children's development by reviewing milestones with our parent educator. I love the activities, advice, and early childhood knowledge that she brings into our home!
Before Millie was born our parent educator helped me to feel more comfortable and capable as a parent. When she moved we had a new parent educator. She is incredible. She is always helping me find things I can do with Millie to continue her development. Being a stay-at-home-mom is hard at times, and we second guess ourselves and what we are doing for our kids. She also gives me confidence in myself and what I am doing for my child. This program and our parent educator are wonderful!!
At home visits and flexibility in schedule. And reminder text messages for appointments
Discussing child development and appropriate activities to help build on the skills they are learning at that age.
The individualized help and the fact that the educator comes to my home where my child is comfortable.
Learning about my child's development and how best to help my child achieve their milestones. also learning about various with parenting strategies especially with discipline .
Getting ideas on how to help facilitate child's development through play and activities. Having an outlet to discuss behavioral issues
I feel like I have an educated platform to get my parenting questions/issues answered.
Being able to ask development questions and know that things are normal, etc.
We love the information and resources. The program also offers events and programs that we hope to use!
Helping understand what we can do (what activities , toys, etc.) to work on appropriate developmental skills
Having someone to discuss concerns we have and as a great provider of resources.
The one-on-one home visits have been amazing! It's been wonderful to be able to focus on my individual child and his stage of development with our parent educator. I appreciate the large group classes as well, but in that setting, there may be some information that is not applicable. That's what makes the home visits so helpful - everything that we discuss and do is pertinent & relevant to my child at his current stage.
Reassurances my child is developmentally I'm track.
Peace of mind knowing my son is developing well. Goals and skills to work on with him each month.
I love our parent educator's suggestions for what scaffolding I can provide during play. I also enjoy the events and activities like the truck touch. I also got my child's eyes checked after my parent educator told me about the state's program.
Our educator is wonderful and my son enjoys every activity she brings. My son is not currently in daycare at this time so when our educator comes it's great from him to have interaction with someone else besides myself and my husband. This program has been great with providing us resources in case my son needs any extra help with language than what we can provide.
I have received good advice and instructions during the visits. I really appreciate the help I have received to help me and guide me as a mother and improving my relationship with my kids. The play center and the assessments during our visits.
Just knowing I have someone to share concerns about and set time each month to talk about them.
It has been so great just to have someone else see Beau and share their thoughts on his development. I have loved being able to ask questions and bounce ideas off our parent educator. Sleeping strategic solutions . Knowing that my child is engaging in developmental activities to help her become a smart and healthy child.

Knowing my child's developmental milestones and what is coming next. Also what we can do as parents to encourage/help the next milestone.
Receiving developmental milestones, instruction for activities to complete with my children, and helpful tips from my educator
Having someone to talk to about what is normal development for my child.
A monthly check in with support and ideas has been so helpful! I love the suggestions from our parent educator for things to do at home and around town and I'm so thankful for the encouragement she provides to us parents.
The handouts & the play center .
Is a great sanity check and also reassurance on her development as well as how we are handling situations. Love the advice and ideas our parent educator gives us.
All of it, specifically the Love & Logic knowledge .
Discussions with our parent educator and handouts about parenting & child development.
It has given me the concept of "love and logic" parenting that has been tremendously helpful and has made me more confident in my parenting. Also, being able to reach out to with questions as they arise.
Working through challenges and understanding developmental milestones.
It's been helpful to have someone assess our child's development and help us understand how he is doing.
Our parent educator has been such a wonderful resource for our family with great ideas and fun activities for our son when she visits. She is an asset to the program.
The home visits make me feel like good about my parenting.
Home visits and PAT and PTA events
Our parent educator has been a fantastic addition to the family. My son looks forward to seeing her each month.
I am an elementary special education teacher, so I know the importance of early intervention, should the need arise. Because my experience is limited to school-aged children, I often have questions about my toddler's development. It has given me great peace of mind to have a professional to talk with and to have some guidance for ways to stimulate growth and development for my child.
The developmental milestones I have learned about have helped me to be a better parent.
The perspective the teacher provides into what is normal for a child at the given age.
The advice on discipline/redirecting
We love PAT and our parent educator! We always look forward to our monthly visits. We have learned so much and she has provided us with many resources .
Our parent educator knowledge on parenting - It's like having my own Love & Logic expert each month and she is flexible w/my schedule.
Making sure our daughter is on track for development
Knowing when each and every milestone for Aerith was the most helpful, and I feel it was well taught.
Asking questions, knowing what is normal
Our parent educator is so great at giving us ideas on how to help Teddy develop and different games and activities to do with him!
Literally everything. Our parent educator has given us so much advice and knowledge that we've continued to use with our second child. I only wish we could meet with her past age 3!!
I enjoy the activities that are introduced to my child. I am easily recreate these.
Play groups, talks on potty training/tantrums/sign language
I appreciate hearing from a third party on a routine basis their opinion as to how my child is progressing and ways we can continue to encourage that development.
Advice and stories of other families and how to handle situations.
Our Parent Educator really knows our son and can help us identify solutions that are personalized.

<p>We were able to identify that my daughter wasn't saying enough words/talking enough and got her into speech therapy. Wow she won't stop talking! Without PAT's help, I'm not sure where she'd be. Changed our lives!</p>
<p>Understanding milestones, events & assessments</p>
<p>Getting feedback and being able to address concerns.</p>
<p>Monthly meetings with PAT has been super helpful. Sets a time for me to discuss any questions we may have.</p>
<p>Tip, advice, and developmental information</p>
<p>It has helped relieve stress when I've been worried about meeting a milestone.</p>
<p>Advice when we are struggling with behavioral issues.</p>
<p>Have someone outside of myself and my husband observe my child to make sure they are developmental appropriate. My parent educator was very helpful when we did developmental assessments to make sure our son was on track. The most helpful thing is having the support of someone who is a parent themselves and also has child development training to help navigate the highs and lows of the parenting experience.</p>
<p>Even though we feel very engaged with our child's development, and rather "studious" about how we can be better/smarter parents, we always manage to learn new things. And we appreciate that we can ask "weird" questions and get answers that are meaningful.</p>
<p>My parent educator listens to my concerns and give me recommendations. She is very sweet and patient with my son. She is amazing!</p>
<p>Having an outside opinion on my child and helping reassure me they are on track developmentally</p>
<p>Tips on how to play with my son.</p>
<p>She is very encouraging and makes me feel like I know what I'm doing. And, when we are behind in an area, she is gentle and doesn't try to make me feel badly. Instead, she just gives tips on ways to improve.</p>
<p>Given us confidence in our parenting and ideas for things we can do with Samuel to help him learn.</p>
<p>This program has helped identify developmental needs of my child and referring her to services before the pediatrician could have as the educator sees us monthly rather than every 6 months. My daughter is walking because of this program!</p>