

What families are saying about Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers?

It's very helpful for an "outsider" to spend time observing our son to make sure he's on track. It's more thorough than a quick doctor visit and knowing she's specially trained and not necessarily looking at him through parent or grandparent eyes helps give us new perspectives.

My husband has never spent much time around small children before he became a father and this program gives him the tools to understand how our son is developing.

As a first time parent with a now 1y/o, I appreciate all of the knowledge, discussions, and handouts from Bea about my child's current development and what the upcoming stages will be. I believe PAT has eliminated potential anxiety and unnecessary comparison to other children because of the education it has provided me and my spouse. It also gives me little skills and games to work on with my child to help him develop. I much prefer the PAT program to searching/sorting for resources on the internet.

Understanding where my child is developmentally helps me to be more patient and understanding with my child.

Having an advocate to help direct and encourage goal setting and provide realistic timelines for my child's development.

It has increased by understanding of my kids' development and how to deal with the changes in their behavior in each milestone.

It has been a breath of fresh air each time our parent educator is here. She has understood the exact steps of development we are going through at each stage; and we always feel so reassured as parents that we are doing the right things developmentally with our daughter. She praises us on the things we are doing right, and always has good recommendations for topic areas in which we ask advice.

The home visits are super helpful. I use our parent educator as a sounding board & as a new mom I really value her support & guidance. The handouts & activities are also great to refer to when I'm trying to evaluate my baby's growth & development. This program means so much.

Having support (and no judgement!) to ask questions about parenting. And being lovingly cheered on!

Having someone fully engaged in my child's emotional, social and behavioral development has been incredibly helpful. As a first-time parent, there are so many questions, most of which is "is this normal?" Our parent educator was fantastic at giving us strategies and tips to help us become better parents.

Our parent educator is the best part of this program. She provides information that is on point with what our pediatrician provides but is always more in depth and personal to our daughter because she actually has the opportunity to spend time with us in our home. That along with the emotional support she provides to a fellow mom is invaluable.

Helped us catch my daughter's gross motor delay.