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*SMSD Parents as Teachers*

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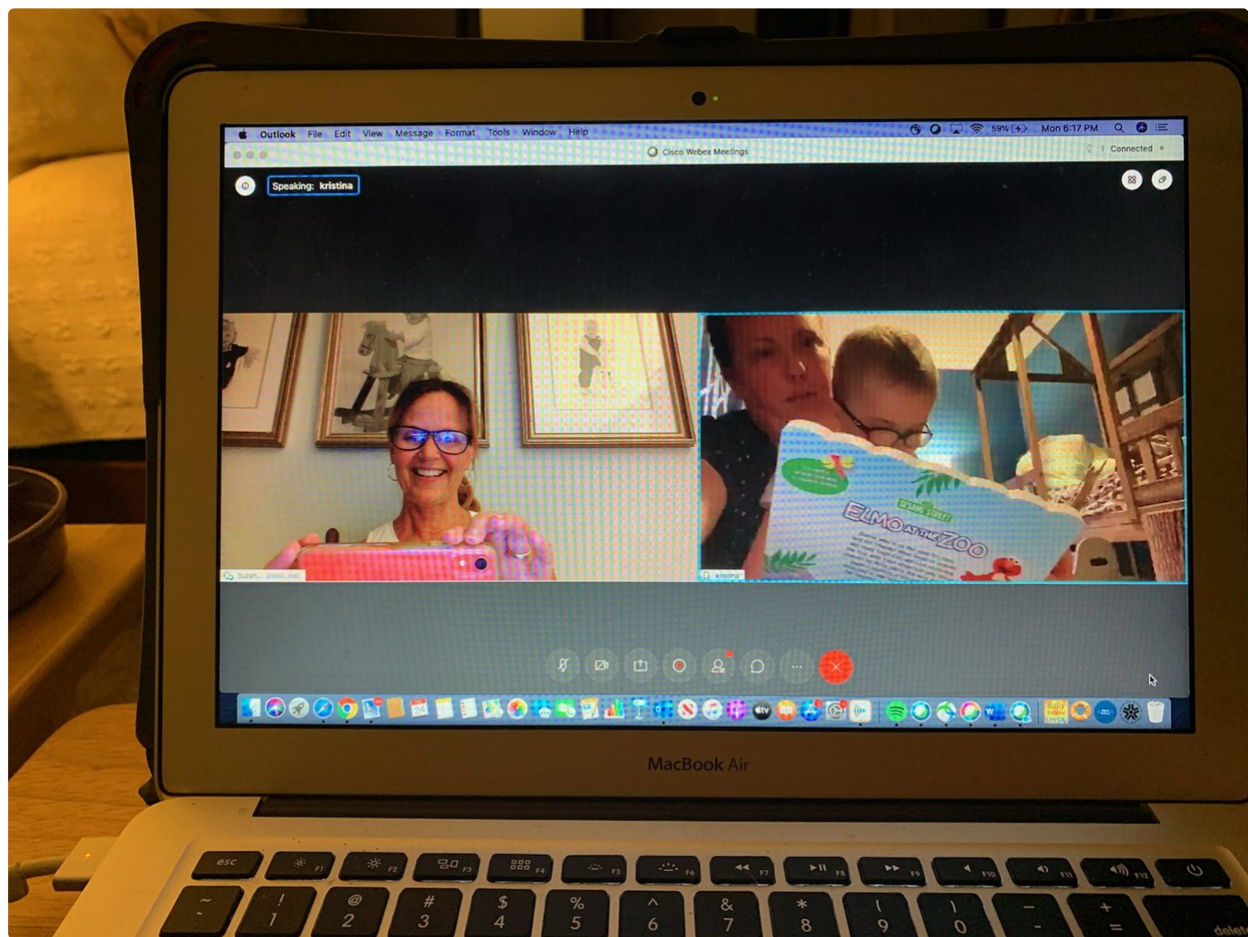
Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers Program

**Parents as Teachers promotes early development, learning and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers.**

Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers serves families from 0 to 36 months. Parents are their child's first and most important teachers, and we want to make sure you have the resources and support you need to thrive.

Through Parents as Teachers, families receive monthly home visits (as part of the district's health and safety measures related to COVID-19 virtual visits are being conducted), screenings, group connections and resource connections.

The Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers program has earned a Blue Ribbon Affiliate designation from the national Parents as Teachers organization in recognition of the affiliate meeting quality standards and essential requirements.



## Parents play the most important role in helping their baby's brain develop and grow.

Did you know that 80% of brain development occurs before age three? These early years provide critical windows of opportunity that will help build the foundation for your child's life.



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

Let us help you maximize efforts by providing information that will help you understand the meaning behind your child's behaviors, how to build your parent-child connection, and walk with you through parenting challenges along the way.

The Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers program is a universal, **FREE** home visiting program for families residing in the Shawnee Mission School District with children prenatal through three years of age.

Shawnee Mission Parents as Teacher strives to be the best program it can be. This is part because of the feedback from our families and our community. Our virtual home visiting professionals meet families where they are comfortable. PAT provide necessary information and resources to help parents support the emotional, behavioral, and physical development of their children. The National Parents as Teachers program recognized Shawnee Mission Parents as Teachers as exemplary Blue Ribbon Affiliate, delivering high-quality services to children and families.

## What parents say about PAT...

*"We love the program and highly recommend it to everyone."*

*"Parents as Teachers has been an invaluable resource to us providing frequent information, guidance, & (most importantly) reassurance as we have gone through the often overwhelming experience of raising our son. My wife and I had no familiarity with a program such as this and we will forever be grateful for SMSD for funding this program. I hope that the infant & toddlers being born into the school district will have the continued opportunity to participate in this program."*



"I appreciate it as a new parent to know what to expect in terms of development. I have been around babies and toddlers for years but once you have your own it's completely different."



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