

Parents as First Teachers



Research

A child's most influential years of learning occur before the age of five. Intelligence develops as much during the first four years as in the next thirteen. An understanding of much of the language used as an adult is developed by age three. These, along with the establishment of curiosity and social skills, lay the foundation for **all further** learning.

A New Era In Education

Under a new state law, school **districts** in Missouri are able to provide special **assistance** for parents and children before kindergarten. Missouri is leading the nation by offering these educational programs for parents to maximize children's opportunities for growth.

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Recognizing that parents are a child's **fun** and most important teachers, Missouri school **districts** have designed a **program** to provide parents with information and assistance to enhance **their** children's intellectual, social and physical development from birth to age three.

What We Offer

- Information and guidance before your baby is born to help you prepare for the important job of being a parent
- Personal visits with certified parent educators **trained** in **child development**
- Periodic group meetings to share experiences with other parents and discuss topics of interest and concern
- Periodic check-ups of your child's educational and sensory (vision and hearing) development .

Who Is Eligible?

All families residing in Missouri who are:

- parents of children age 0-3 years
- expectant parents
- single parents

The Cost

- Service is free to all families
- Participation is voluntary
- Enrollment is limited

How To Enroll

**Call the St Louis
Public Schools
Gardenville Center
6651 Gravois
352-3047**

* **More information on the Parents as First Teachers Program will be presented at the September 7 meeting**