



30 ParentSMART Years

"Where Parents are at the Heart of Education"



In 1995, Rock Hill Schools invested in families with children prenatal to age five.

Parents as Teachers® (PAT) promotes the optimal early development, learning and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers. Based on *the Parents as Teachers quality outcomes*, children whose families participated in PAT:

- **Are more likely to have parents who read to them daily** resulting in higher reading scores in kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grade.
- **Children score higher** on kindergarten readiness tests and standardized measures of reading, math, and language in elementary grades.
- **Parents who participated in PAT engage** in more language and are more likely to promote reading in the home
- **Are more likely to be identified at an earlier age if there are health or developmental concerns** resulting in referral to school and community services for early intervention.

Research shows that parenting education can be an important component in supporting and developing healthy relationships between children and their parents, setting the stage for strong families and children ready for success.

- **Parents as Teachers is designed to provide children the best possible start in life.** Using research based curriculum, parents are provided with the skills and knowledge they need to help them make informed decisions regarding their child's development and education. The model includes personal visits, group connections, health, vision, hearing and developmental screenings, and supports family connections with other community services.
- **Retention** is a very important factor in the Parents as Teachers program. From January 1995 to June 2024, **4,111** families were served. This indicates a high level of retention with families receiving over **37,000** home visits.
- **Parent satisfaction** indicates a high level of satisfaction with the Parent as Teachers program. **98%** of parents surveyed report that the activities offered strengthen their relationship with their child, encourage them to read to their child, increase their understanding of child development, set goals for themselves as well as their families and find useful resources within the community.
- **In 2004**, ParentSMART received state-wide recognition from South Carolina First Steps for the "**Best Community Engagement Effort**" award.
- **In 2014**, Ana Frey, our former Parent Educator was selected as one of the National Center for Parents as Teachers "**Parent Educator of the Year**".
- **In October 2020**, ParentSMART received notification from the Parents as Teachers National Center of our successful completion of the national **Blue Ribbon Quality Endorsement** "*in recognition of our excellent program operations and services to families*".
- **In November 2024**, ParentSMART's HSED Teacher, Miranda Smith, was awarded a grant from The Foundation Rock Hill Schools to support the district's Leader in Me initiative helping parents instill the 7 Habits at home with their children. This initiative aims to ensure children understand and practice the seven habits before entering school, fostering early leadership skills and positive habits.
- **Over the past 30 years**, ParentSMART has secured additional funding from the Children's Trust of South Carolina, the Early Learning Partnership of York County to create a one-stop shop Family Resource Center and Comporium for a Book Vending Machine, the Sisters of Mercy Foundation of North Carolina, and South Carolina and York County First Steps. Additional financial awards have been received from the Good Folks of York County and the Junior Welfare League.
- **ParentSMART** is proud to partner with other parent education and early childhood programs and community agencies in working together to promote access to high quality services for children and families to prepare them for success in school and in life.

"I love being in this great program because I am a mother who is present in my daughters' studies, supporting them and advising them. Thank you to you all who helped guide me and advise me on how to be a better parent and be a present parent with my daughters." - ParentSMART Parent

VISION STATEMENT

ParentSMART empowers parents, caregivers, and children to inspire lifelong learners.

MISSION STATEMENT

ParentSMART and the Sylvia Circle Family Learning Center is committed to providing leadership, educational support, and resources to collaborate with parents and caregivers in their role as the child's most influential teacher.

During the **2023 - 2024**
School Year:

- 101-Families Served
- 164-Children Served
- 780-Personal Visits
- 93-Families with Multiple Risk Factors including, but not limited to:
- 60-Low Educational Attainment
- 46-Low Income Families
- 93-Children received a complete screening
- 5-Children referred for further evaluation
- 8-Children with Disabilities or Chronic Health Conditions
- 14-Family Literacy Families
- 16-Family Literacy Children
- 10-Family Literacy Students achieved significant level gains
- 2-Family Literacy Students obtained their GED
- 22-Teen Parents
- 18-Families involved with the Mental Health, Social Services and/or Correctional System.

From **January 5, 1995** to
June 30, 2024:

- 4,111-Families Served
- 5,283-Children Served
- 2,728-Families with Multiple Risk Factors including, but not limited to:
- 1,571-Low Educational Attainment
- 2,380-Low Income Families
- 3,314-Children received a complete screening
- 255-Children referred for further evaluation
- 256-Children with Disabilities or Chronic Health Conditions
- 748-Teen Parents
- 272-Family Literacy Families
- 285-Family Literacy Children
- 130-Family Literacy Students achieving significant level gains
- 16-Family Literacy Students obtained their GED
- 354-Families involved with the Mental Health, Social Services and/or Correctional System

30 Years

1 Coordinator

29 Parent Educators

4,111 Families

5,302 Children

37,445 Personal Visits

1 Amazing Mission

**ParentSMART, supporting parents
and caregivers to prepare children
for school for over 30 years!**