



**In 1990, Kansas made a wise investment in families with children prenatal to age 3.**

**Parents as Teachers (PAT) provides a strong pre-literacy foundation to Kansas children.**

Based on *Kansas School Readiness Data*, children whose families participated in Kansas PAT:

- Are more likely to have parents who read to them daily resulting in higher reading scores at Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Score higher in symbolic development, math concepts, written language and oral communication.
- 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.
- Have a lower Body Mass Index (BMI) at Kindergarten entry and are more likely to be fully immunized at age 2.

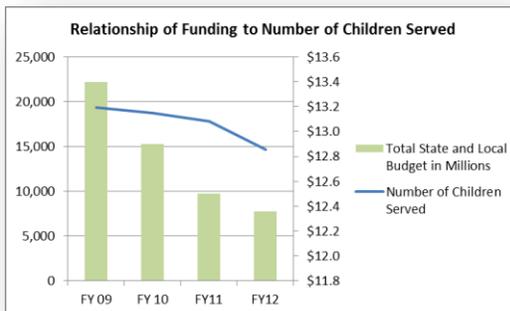
**Parents as Teachers (PAT) is designed to provide children the best possible start in life.**

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.

***Research shows that parent 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.***

While state funds have generally been level, school district/local funds have declined and program costs have risen resulting in fewer families served.

**Kansas Parents as Teachers demonstrates long term positive outcomes with an average cost of only \$846 per child.**



**Local programs maintain waiting lists of more 1,500 families wanting to access Kansas Parents as Teachers.**

**Kansas PAT, a nationally recognized evidence based program, is dedicated to providing high quality services that meet national and state standards.**



**Kansas PAT is a valued partner with other home visiting and early childhood programs working together to promote easy access and high quality services to children and families in their communities.**

Parents as Teachers is available to less than 12% of the eligible children and families in Kansas.

In 2011-12, more than 30% of the Kansas PAT families had multiple risk factors including:

4,009 low income families

1,191 parents with less than a high school diploma or GED.

510 families involved with the mental health or social services system

657 teen parents

318 very low birth weight babies

455 families who are active duty military

132 foster/adoptive families

154 transient or homeless families

101 families involved with the corrections system