



When an early learning program is eliminated, children and families lose services. Community early learning programs lose a vital partner.

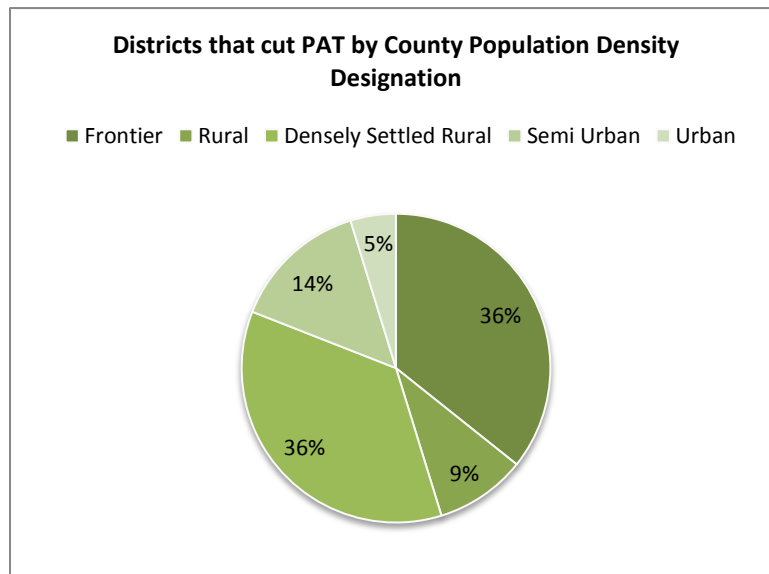
Across the State of Kansas, Parents as Teachers works with other early learning programs to provide a continuum of services for young children and their families in their own communities.

When one rural Kansas county lost its Parents as Teachers (PAT) program, 90 families with 106 children lost services. The Infant Toddler Early Intervention/*tiny-k* program lost an important partner. PAT provided a vital service through developmental screening for children; referring families to Infant Toddler Early Intervention/*tiny-k* when indicated. When children were not eligible for Infant Toddler Early Intervention/*tiny-k* services, families were referred to PAT. No other early learning or parent education program existed in the community. This is still true today.

In 2014-15, Kansas Parents as Teachers screened more than 9,000 children for child development, hearing, vision and health. Nearly 1,200 children were referred to community health and developmental service providers such as Infant Toddler Early Intervention/*tiny-k* programs.

Since 2008-09,

- **More than 7,500 children and their families lost access to PAT services state-wide.**
- **42 school districts eliminated PAT due to budget cuts.**
- **81% of the districts that eliminated Parents as Teachers were in rural counties** where access to quality parenting education and early learning program services are limited.



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

In 2014-15, more than 27% of the Kansas PAT families were low income and 17% of the families had multiple risk factors including:

769 parents with less than a high school diploma or GED.

628 children with disabilities/chronic health condition

350 teen parents

321 families who are active duty military

253 families with substance abuse or domestic violence issues

228 families with mental health services

175 foster/adoptive families

165 transient or homeless families

143 very low birth weight babies

76 families involved with the corrections system



Kansas PAT is a valued partner with other quality evidence based home visiting and early learning programs working together to provide positive outcomes for young children and their families through access to high quality services in their own communities.

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