

## Pressing Issues for PAT Programs throughout the State of Wyoming

### New Funding Resource Guide From PAT National Center:

#### **A Guide to Understanding Different Sustainability Options**

Programs offering Parents as Teachers services are supported by a wide range of funding sources including state, local and federal government agencies, private foundations and corporate supporters. Historically, programs offering Parents as Teachers services receive the majority of their support from public funds. Regardless of the source of the funding, competition for these funds can be fierce. State, local and federal governments face ongoing fiscal pressure which can limit the availability of funds for home visiting programs. **For the Full Guide Click HERE.**

Now more than ever, policy makers are insisting that public resources fund "evidence-based programs" that show documented results for children and families. Parents as Teachers is an evidence-based program. Not only is our curriculum research-based, but our programs have been found to have positive outcomes for children and families in a wide range of domains through rigorous scientific research methodologies. For Outcome Findings: **NCPAT Outcomes.**

### Parents Helping Parents of WY Goes Social Networking:

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### More Federal Legislation Updates: Healthy Future Act 2009

#### **A New \$1.5 Billion Home Visiting Initiative**

After months of anticipation Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) released the "Chairman's Mark" of America's Healthy Future Act, that includes a new \$1.5 billion home visiting initiative. Here is a link to the Finance Committee document, the home visiting section begins on page 67:

#### **America's Healthy Future Act 2009:**

The act is meant to provide funding to states, tribes, and territories to develop and implement one or more evidence-based Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Visitation model(s). Model options would be targeted at reducing infant and maternal mortality and its related causes by producing improvements in prenatal, maternal, and newborn health, child health and development, parenting skills, school readiness, juvenile delinquency, and family economic self-sufficiency.

#### **The Current Mark-Up Mandates:**

- ◆ Establishing a new home visiting section in Title V of the Social Security Act Maternal and Child Health (MCH).
- ◆ To pursue this new home visiting grant, states would be required to establish outcome benchmarks to assess improvement in the following areas:
  - maternal and child health
  - childhood injury prevention
  - school readiness
  - juvenile delinquency
  - family economic factors
  - coordination with community resources
  - Puts forth a definition of evidence based programs that includes both randomized control and quasi-experimental research designs
  - Establishes funding priority for families determined to be at-risk as a result of the aforementioned needs assessment, low-income, young maternal age or involved with child welfare
  - Requires coordination between federal agencies that are currently involved in funding home visitation programs



### **Upcoming Events**

- ◆ **Sign Up for PAT National Center's one hour webinar** on the Guide to Health, Hearing and Vision— complete the survey afterwards and receive a free PAT BTL Health, Hearing and Vision Guide for your Program. Hurry, only a few spaces left. **Health, Hearing and Vision**
- ◆ **High Five for Kids** Online Training. Fee \$35.00 (guide cost) contact Pam Moschner 314-432-4330 x251.
- ◆ **Explore the Path to Literacy** Online Training. Fee \$50.00 (guide cost) contact Pam Moschner 314-432-4330 x251.



### **Helpful Links**

#### **Quality Improvement**

#### **Research and Evaluation**

#### **Wyoming Children's Action Alliance**

#### **DFS— Early Childhood**

#### **Connect for Kids**

#### **National Center for Family Literacy**

#### **Reading is Fundamental**

#### **Parent Information Center**

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