

## Why Participate?

Learning begins at birth, and by age three, children have learned 75 percent of all the language skills they will have as adults. A parent is a child's first and most important teacher.

In the first few years, children learn more and at a much faster pace than any other time in life. By age three, a child's brain is 80 percent of the size of the adult brain.

Parents who participate in a Parents as Teachers program are more involved in their child's schooling. Parents also have an increased confidence in their parenting role and skills.



To find out more, contact us today!

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**The Foundations for Success Prevention Initiative Program is a voluntary education and support program offered for FREE to families that reside in the Triad School District and are expecting a baby or have a child under the age of 3 years.**

The mission of our program is to encourage loving, stable, and nurturing family relationships that promote good health, age-appropriate physical, emotional and cognitive development and positive social interactions in home and community systems.

Each stage of a child's development is important and it brings with it many opportunities for learning. Our program utilizes the Parents as Teachers curriculum, which helps to guide parents through these stages and gives them the tools necessary to help children and parents be successful.

## Services Provided

Participating families receive the following for components of our services:

### -Personal Home Visits

- Prenatal care for healthy fetal growth and development.
- Age-appropriate child development and parenting information
- Information on how to observe your child and recognize his or her needs
- Fun activities to help your child prepare for school
- Confidential discuss of parenting concerns

### -Group Meetings

- Observe your child playing with other children
- Share information about child development, parenting issues and concerns at group meetings
- Make connections with other parents and provide support to each other

### -Screenings

- Health, hearing and vision
- Language, cognitive, motor, and social development

### -Resource Network

- Links to resources and community services

## What is involved in a home visit?

Home visits are scheduled at a convenient time and day for both the family and the parent educator. Parent educators use this time to share development information and ideas that are based on the child's age, discuss parenting concerns, and share fun activities that help parents and children play together.

Home visits also give parents an opportunity to share what their child has been doing, ask questions and follow up on any ideas the parent educator has offered.



Parent educators support and encourage parents on their parenting journey.