

South Carolina Parents as Teachers Family Engagement Survey May 2022



Survey Administration

The South Carolina Parents as Teachers (PAT) Family Engagement Survey was administered from February 28th, 2022, to April 17th, 2022. In South Carolina, there are 39 PAT affiliates, of which 38 participated in the survey. The "site champion" within each PAT affiliate provided their parent educators with the survey link that was emailed or texted to families. Paper copies of the survey were also provided. 2/3 of families completed the survey electronically. The survey was offered in English and Spanish. There were 628 families who completed the survey (response rate: 52%). 552 families (88%) completed the survey in English.



Parents as Teachers serves vibrant communities.



3% of respondents were 17 years old or younger. 5% of respondents were between 45-74 years old. Most respondents (83%) were the parent of the young child(ren) in their home, but grandparents (5%), foster parents (3%), other relatives (2%), and siblings (1%) also completed the survey. 85% of families had children under 6 years old and 47% of families had children between 6-11 years old living in their household. Demographic data were missing for 8% of respondents.



Families are developing and maintaining connections with the PAT program.

About 1/3 of families have been in the PAT program and had their current parent educator for over 2 years.

Nearly half of families have had over 21 visits with their parent educator since enrolling in the program.





Families create meaningful relationships with their parent educator.



88% of families said they interact with their parent educator at least a few times a month.



71% had virtual visits with their parent educator in the past 12 months.



69% had face-to-face visits with their parent educator in the past 12 months.



53% had phone call visits with their parent educator in the past 12 months.

The core components of PAT drive success toward meeting the primary goals of 1) increasing parent knowledge of early childhood development, 2) providing early detection of developmental delays, and 3) increasing children's school readiness.

Families value the knowledge gained during personal visits with their parent educator.

Families have increased their knowledge, self-efficacy, and parenting practices.



Families share areas of success and opportunities for growth with PAT.

Families say the PAT program is good at teaching parents about child development and providing access to resources.



Families think "there isn't much [to] change because the program is perfect." However, families would like more frequent visits with their parent educator and more group connections.

