

## Family First Prevention Services Act

FFPSA will provide federal funding for prevention services to families of children who are at imminent risk of entering foster care. It underscores the importance of children growing up in families and seeks to avoid the traumatic experience of children being separated from their families when entering foster care.

Specifically, federal reimbursement will be available for trauma-informed and evidence based mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and in-home parenting skill-based training to safely maintain children in their homes.

Eligible services must be included in South Carolina's approved Title IV-E Prevention Plan and be rendered by a qualified provider who is participating in the Department's qualified provider listing and provided to eligible populations (i.e. defined candidates for care).

The Department plans to implement its prevention program in October of 2021 and will begin partnering with our provider partners early in 2021 to assist in capacity building for select interventions and network development.

For updates on FFPSA implementation please visit: <https://dss.sc.gov/family-first-prevention-services-act/>



### Title IV-E Clearinghouse

**Program Type :**

**Parenting Skills Program**

**Rating:  
Well-Supported**

**For additional information related to the Title IV-E Clearinghouse please visit:**

<https://prevention-services.abtsites.com/>

### Service Description

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a home-visiting parent education program that teaches new and expectant parents skills intended to promote positive child development and prevent child maltreatment. PAT aims to increase parent knowledge of early childhood development, improve parenting practices, promote early detection of developmental delays and health issues, prevent child abuse and neglect, and increase school readiness and success.

The PAT model includes four core components: personal home visits, supportive group connection events, child health and developmental screenings, and community resource networks.

PAT is designed so that it can be delivered to diverse families with diverse needs, although PAT sites typically target families with specific risk factors. Families can begin the program prenatally and continue through when their child enters kindergarten .

### Targeted Populations

**Families with children from birth until entry into kindergarten.**

### Proximal Outcomes

- Child Development and School Readiness
- Positive Parenting Practices (parent-child interactions)
- Reduction of child maltreatment



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