



# Parents as Teachers

## Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Did the Born to Learn model go away?</b>	The Parents as Teachers 4 component model has not gone away. The <i>name</i> Born to Learn (which referred to a curriculum version) will go away in January 2011, but the evidence-based model is still strong and unchanged.
<b>What are the Parents as Teachers Essential Requirements and does my program need to follow them?</b>	Many programs implementing the Parents as Teachers model will find they are already in compliance with the 2011 Essential Requirements. In July 2011, all existing programs will complete an Affiliate Performance Report (the new name for the Annual Program Report) that will determine this compliance. Existing programs have until 2014 to move into compliance. They will submit a plan that addresses the areas in which they are weak along with their plans to move into compliance.
<b>Does “needs assessment” imply that PAT will only be available to families at risk, not universally accessible to all?</b>	A Family-Centered Needs Assessment is a useful planning tool with all families. While the Parents as Teachers model remains a universally applicable model, all families face situations that can put them at risk or increase their vulnerability. For this reason, the 2011 Essential Requirements state that 10-12 personal visits must be delivered to all families each year, with those more at risk receiving more frequent personal visits (20-24 visits each year).
<b>I was wondering where we fit in the changing of the program? We have been a program since 1989 and have been as true to the program as we can.</b>	All affiliates will annually assess their compliance with the Essential Requirements. Funding changes, staffing, etc. are all variables that can impact model fidelity.
<b>Can anyone come to PAT training and get the curriculum?</b>	<p>Beginning January 2011, there will be two pathways to Parents as Teachers: Model Implementation or Approved User. Regardless of the track, all individuals will attend the <b><i>Parents as Teachers Foundational Training</i></b> and receive the <b><i>Parents as Teachers Foundational Curriculum</i></b>.</p> <p>Those wishing to implement an evidence-based model with fidelity will continue to <b><i>Model Implementation Training</i></b> after completing a New Affiliate Plan. Participants in this training received the <b><i>Model Implementation Guide</i></b>.</p>
<b>Has the content of the curriculum changed?</b>	<p><b>The Foundational Curriculum</b> will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Theoretical framework</li><li>▪ Core competencies and educator self-assessment</li><li>▪ Protective factors</li><li>▪ Reflective practice</li><li>▪ Family systems/culture</li><li>▪ Family needs assessment</li><li>▪ Role of PE/resourcing</li><li>▪ Foundational personal visit plans and guided planning tool</li><li>▪ Dove DV Intervention</li><li>▪ Edinburgh Depression Screen</li><li>▪ as well as a <b>parent educator tool kit</b></li></ul>

	<p>Online resources include all of the above plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parent/child activities pages</li> <li>▪ Parent educator resources</li> <li>▪ Parent handouts</li> <li>▪ Family support</li> </ul> <p><b>Model Implementation Guide</b> will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parents as Teachers logic model</li> <li>▪ Quality assurance guidelines and essential requirements</li> <li>▪ Reflective practice</li> <li>▪ Family systems/culture</li> <li>▪ Family needs assessment</li> <li>▪ Role of PE/resourcing</li> <li>▪ Evaluation and quality</li> </ul>
<b>How much will it cost for existing programs?</b>	<p>The new curriculum and guide, as well as online resources, will be part of training packages beginning Jan. 1, 2011. The cost of curriculum is no longer separate from the cost of training. Training participants receive printed guides for their personal use and additional online access to resources and handouts. Costs depend on which pathway is chosen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foundational only: \$695</li> <li>▪ Model Implementation (includes Foundational Training): \$795 *cost may vary depending on training location</li> </ul>
<b>When will the curriculum be available online?</b>	<p>The handouts and resources from the new curriculum will be available online in January 2011. All currently certified parent educators will have access to the online materials until July 2011. If they do not recertify and pay the annual access fee at that time, they will lose their access. The 2011 printed materials will only be available to those who attend training or retraining.</p>
<b>Is re-training required for existing parent educators? Why? What is the projected cost per program for re-training?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, all BTL certified parent educators will need to take the Foundational Training and Model Implementation Training prior to July 2014.</li> <li>• The approach to working with families is now a more family-centered parenting approach. It is important that all parent educators receive information new to this revision, such as domestic violence and maternal depression. For a complete list of comparisons, see <b><i>Parents as Teachers Comparison Grid</i></b>.</li> <li>• The cost for the Foundational Re-training is \$125 (may be higher outside of the national office). For now, current parent educators will only take the Foundational Training. The national office is looking at options for a distance learning offering for Model Implementation.</li> </ul>
<b>Will re-training count as professional development hours?</b>	<p>Yes.</p>
<b>What will re-certification cost?</b>	<p>Starting in July 2011, re-certification will be bundled with an electronic access fee. For certified parent educators, the online access fee is \$75/educator. For approved users, (those who attend only the Foundational Training) the online access fee is \$100/person.</p>

<p><b>You mention that a compliance check will be part of the APR. Will you be able to share the compliance check before the APR comes out so we will have plenty of time to complete it and know what data or changes in data collection procedures?</b></p>	<p>It is currently in development and will be shared as soon as it is ready.</p>
<p><b>For the Foundational Training, does everyone go away with the curriculum, regardless of whether they are going to adhere to fidelity to the model or not?</b></p>	<p>Training is a package that includes the curricula, so yes; every trainee in both trainings receives either the Foundational Curriculum or the Model Implementation Guide along with online access.</p>
<p><b>Will the "Closer Look" be updated soon?</b></p>	<p>The existing Parents as Teachers quality standards and accompanying self-assessment guidelines will be revised by July 2011 so they are more clearly aligned with the essential requirements and new data reporting expectations. We recommend that all affiliates (new and existing) should first focus on compliance with the essential requirements and not begin the comprehensive program self-assessment process at this time.</p>
<p><b>We are currently in the self-assessment process. How will this process differ in the future?</b></p>	<p>If a program has already started the program self-assessment process this year, it is not wasted effort. The quality standards indicators are being brought into the new curriculum and training and therefore retain significant value. The learning that has been gained through the self-assessment process will still strengthen the program. We do recommend that in addition to using the Closer Look self-assessment process you ensure that your program is meeting the 2011 essential requirements.</p>