



Parents as Teachers™

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In her 23 years in the field of early care and education, Donna Hunt O'Brien has always had a close connection to Parents as Teachers. After receiving her degree in child and family development at the University of Missouri, O'Brien worked at the St. Louis Community College Child Development Laboratory for eight years. There she had the opportunity to mentor college students, learn from master teachers, study and implement different approaches to early education, and become a certified Parents as Teachers parent educator. She continued her graduate education in child and adult education at Southern Illinois University–Edwardsville.

Since coming to the Parents as Teachers national office, O'Brien has served in many roles. As a national trainer she has instructed hundreds of early childhood professionals and mentored new national trainers. As child care training coordinator, O'Brien supported the implementation of Parents as Teachers in child care settings. She has been the principal writer for major Parents as Teachers curricula and training manuals and developed processes and procedures for training support, including Web-based training.

Currently, O'Brien manages the training of thousands of parent educators worldwide and mentors a group of national trainers and state training teams.

Our Vision: All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

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