



Parents as Teachers™

Speakers Bureau



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Nicole Thomson conducts research on behalf of Parents as Teachers, upholding the organization's commitment to developing evidence-based curriculum. As research manager in the department of research and evaluation at Parents as Teachers, Thomson supports the development and management of qualitative and quantitative evaluations for Parents as Teachers, including statistical analysis, interpretation and dissemination of results. She is also serving as Associate Editor for the American Psychological Association's *PsycCRITIQUES* journal.

Prior to joining Parents as Teachers, Thomson spent more than 7 years serving as both a research associate professor and a research assistant professor at the behavioral health division of the University of Missouri's Institute of Mental Health. Thomson also supported psychology research as a research assistant at both Saint Louis University and Southeast Missouri State University.

Since 2001, Thomson has been published in more than 20 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters. Her research speaks directly to the mission of Parents as Teachers and examines the developmental processes of children in their schools and families. Thomson has also presented her research at several industry events, including the annual meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting and the Human Development conference as well as the Missouri Institute of Mental Health speaker series. In addition to conducting and presenting research, Thomson has helped secure more than 6 million dollars in federal and state-level grants to fund the implementation and evaluation of behavioral health services in St. Louis, MO.

Furthering her commitment to improving the lives of children and families, Thomson has served as a board member for several local organizations. Currently she is on the Board of Directors at RAVEN, an agency offering batterer intervention for men and violence prevention for youth. Previously she was an Advisory Board member for Catch a Falling Star, an after school program for school-aged children with disabilities and the Lemay Child and Family Center. Thomson also spent six years volunteering at St. Martha's shelter for abused women and their children.

Thomson received her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from Saint Louis University in 2004. She also holds a master's degree in developmental psychology from Saint Louis University, and earned a bachelor's degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

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

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