



# The School City of Hobart Welcomes

## Parents as Teachers (P.A.T.)

### 4 Components of P.A.T.

- Personal/home visits by certified Parent Educators
- Parent-child group meetings about early childhood development and parenting
- Developmental and health screenings for young children
- Linkages and referrals to community networks and resources

**P.A.T.  
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FREE**

The School City of Hobart is thrilled to announce the beginning of a new venture that will benefit our youngest children and parents of Hobart. Parents as Teachers will officially begin services this March for children ages 0-3.

“The mission of Parents as Teachers is to provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.”

Parents as Teachers is a **FREE** and voluntary opportunity for families with children between the ages of 0-3. Home visits, playgroups, early screenings, and referrals are all a part of P.A.T. in Hobart. Prenatal education is available as well.

The School City of Hobart has been working closely with T.J. Holsen, Development Director of Parents as Teachers of Lake County. He will continue to assist during this exciting implementation phase. We will begin by servicing 20 families in Hobart. Our goal is to provide one parent educator per elementary school for a total of four.

If you would like to become involved in The School City of Hobart Parents as Teachers effort, please contact Dr. Peggy Buffington or Shannon O’Brien at 942-8885 for more information. There will be numerous ways to volunteer and donate to this wonderful cause. Our hope is to offer service to ages 3-5 as more donations are received.

Parents As Teachers will host an Open House in their new home. It will be held at Hobart High School near the Brickie Kidz Preschool on April 30th from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

If you have a child under the age of 3, please join us by contacting our new P.A.T. Coordinator, Mrs. Lynne Stark at 942-8521 ext. 8192 or [lstark@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:lstark@hobart.k12.in.us).



## Meet our New Parent Educator - Mrs. Lynne Stark



The School City of Hobart is proud to welcome back Lynne Stark as our first parent educator. She taught 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades at Joan Martin Elementary School from 1995-2000, and is very excited to turn the vision of this project into a reality. Mrs. Starke is eager to work with families to discover the potential of so many young children in Hobart. We are thrilled to have her back to implement and grow Parents as Teachers. Mrs. Stark comes to us with a

variety of early childhood experiences and a concrete understanding of the developmental years in the life of a young child. She will work with parents to help their children reach these milestones. Most recently, Mrs. Starke has held the position of field supervisor for Purdue University. She has collaborated with student teachers to help them become effective teachers. She is also a dedicated mother with three young children of her own!

This will be an incredible journey for the parents and youngest children of Hobart as they begin working with Mrs. Stark.



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