GMCS Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program

Inception: September 1, 2011 to current date

Funders: Navajo Nation and NM ECECD MIECHV

Curricula: Evidence Based Parents as Teachers

“All Children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.” - Parents as Teachers

- Program Services provided in McKinley County - Level I Prevention Program

- Program Services:
  - Personal Visits
  - Family Connections
  - Screenings for wellbeing, prevention of developmental delays
  - Link to community resources based on family needs

- Program Goals
  - Literacy, School Readiness
  - Safety Preparedness, Safe Sleep
  - Nutrition, Breastfeeding for healthy development

- Program provides education and training activities of early childhood parents to increase parental knowledge, skill and confidence in early childhood development activities under the Parents as Teachers program.
  - Telehealth Services – following CDC guidelines during pandemic

- Five Staff (hiring one for six staff), Bilingual, Diverse, Certified, Confident and Dedicated to support Families, Located at different county schools

- Celebrations:
  - PAT Performance Graph
  - Hg Sch Graduates, Early Education School Readiness, Parent Advocates, Parent Child Nurturing Dyads

- What families say…
  - “Home Visiting program is needed especially in rural communities where resources are thin to none.”
  - “My grandchild is school ready before entering school. Thank you for free books for our family.”
  - “Parent Educators are supportive partners to our families. Thank you for literacy materials.”
  - “My Parent Educator never gave up on me. As a result, I graduated with my high school diploma. Thank you.”

- Resources:
  - NM Home Visiting Standards
  - MIECHV Federal Benchmarks
  - Department of Health
  - University of New Mexico
  - McKinley County Early Childhood Education Coalition
  - Public Health
  - NM WIC, NN WIC
  - UNM Family Development Program Parent Leadership Institute
  - Mindfulness Practices
  - Parents as Teachers
  - Navajo Nation, NN Project Launch
  - PreK, Headstart, Early Intervention Programs
  - Story Garden 4th World ATD
  - Parent Magazines, Cultural Books, Developmentally Appropriate Books

- Referrals for families who are interested in home visiting program – contact Bebe at 721-1055

- Need online referral intake form with name, contact phone, address, child/age and or prenatal