

## Parents As Teachers;

Parents as Teachers was developed in the 1970s when Missouri educators noted that children were beginning kindergarten with varying levels of school readiness. Research showed that greater parent involvement is a critical link in the child's development of learning skills, including reading and writing.

Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

**HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS** are available free of charge to any district resident child between the ages of 4 and 35 months through our Parents as Teachers Coop. You may call 264-4196 for an appointment.