

Partnering with Parents Gets Glowing Feedback from Participants

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Partnering with Parents makes parenting easier through a parent support program that includes one-on-one visits at the family home or other community location twice monthly, monthly family group activities, community events, and referrals to other related supports and resources. See recent quotes from participants and contact us if you are an Oak Park or River Forest parent interested in participating.

Parenting is hard. Partnering with Parents works hand-in-hand with Oak Park and River Forest parents and caregivers to make parenting easier through a parent support program that includes one-on-one visits at the family home or other community location twice a month, monthly family group activities, community events, and referrals to other related supports and resources. Partnering with Parents utilizes the Parents As Teachers curriculum and is a Blue-Ribbon Affiliate. We support parents from pregnancy until their child enters preschool or kindergarten to help parents grow as their child's first teacher.

As children age out of our program, we are accepting new participants. If you are a parent in Oak Park or River Forest looking for parenting support, you can learn more about our program, group events, lactation support, developmental checks, and parenting classes by calling us at **708.434.2560** or emailing us at partneringwithparents@eastersealschicago.org.

Here are a few recent quotes from participating parents.

- "I love the open communication. I like how we communicate in text and email. I appreciate the additional info that is shared in the emails about community events. I look forward to activities. I like that there is a space to allow parents to gather and have meetings."
- "I feel supported and have a qualified person to turn to with any issues regarding my child's development."
- "I am learning about new ways to teach my children and being given the resources to have my child evaluated in order to really understand what level he is at in his development and what ways to get him the support he needs. I also appreciate the care and support they give to parents as individuals as well."
- "The internet is full of misinformation. The program staff is a trusted, nonjudgmental resource who understands the struggles of just everyday routines. Also, sometimes you just need an outsider's perspective on how to look at things and new strategies with emotional toddlers. We're so in our sleep-deprived parenting bubble that we can't always see obvious solutions."
- "The program has been a source of great support and fostered a great relationship with my son. It has been helpful with each stage of development as a first-time mom from my son's infant stage through now Pre-K, and prepping for kindergarten. The program has been invaluable in my experience these past 4.5 years."
- "My parent educator has been an amazing support and great resource of knowledge in our child's development. We are grateful to Easterseals and PwP team for providing parent

support."

- "Greatly appreciate the program. It has assisted with my own mental health."
- "A wonderful resource for myself and my son after he aged out of IL Early Intervention."
- "Everyone there is so nice. I have nothing but good things to say about everyone that works there extremely grateful."
- "It's such a great resource, especially for parents who don't have family nearby and just need to talk to someone experienced. It gives moms the reassurance we sometimes need that we're doing everything right and hitting milestones, and what we can do to help get our kids there. Every mom should participate."