

# Parents as Teachers Advisory Committee Information

## 2.2 Community Advisory Committee

A critical component of a successful program is the collaboration with the community. Therefore, all programs must establish a Community Advisory Committee. The Community Advisory Committee includes key stakeholders in the community such as families, early childhood providers, school administration, school board members and other community leaders. The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to support and promote PAT services, and to assist with the planning and evaluation of those services.

### Members of the committee should represent the following:

- Local board of education;
- Mental health agency;
- Social service agency;
- Healthcare providers (agencies/individuals);
- Faith community/ministerial alliance;
- Civic service groups;
- PTA/PTO;
- Participating parents;
- Senior citizens group;
- Colleges, community and junior colleges, and university personnel;
- Private preschool/child care directors;
- Head Start directors; and
- Local and state level elected officials.

### Primary responsibilities of the Community Advisory Committee should include:

- Form relationships with community partners who are providing parent education or other Early Childhood services and programs to families;
- Personal contact with community members to promote the Parents as Teachers services;
- Recruit prospective parents for participation;
- Survey available community resources and gather needed information;
- Review the evaluation of services and make recommendations for improvements;
- Advise options for coordination of services between the community and the school; and
- Serve as a resource to the administrator.

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