

PA Parents as Teachers (PAT) Guidance for Place-Based Work with Families

Pennsylvania's Parents as Teachers (PAT) programs, staff, and families served have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Programs shifted from place-based services to interactive video conferencing and telecommunications to continue delivering the model program with fidelity or establish check-in routines with families in response to family requests. Highlighted below are information links regarding the transition of services from video-conferencing and telecommunications to place-based services. Each organization will develop its own policies and procedures with consideration for Pennsylvania state-issued and local direction/mandates, funder requirements, and model program guidance.

OCDEL

Recommendations from OCDEL are informed by the Governor's Office, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Centers for Disease Control. Updated recommendations can be found at www.pa-home-visiting.org/covid-19.

The website provides detailed information regarding reopening in the document *Guidance and Resources to Support Family Support Program Work during COVID-19* and is updated as appropriate. Note that using video-conferencing and telecommunications to provide model elements with families continues to be approved as conditions related to COVID-19 evolve.

Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers National Center recommends that PAT program leadership consider the safety of families and staff within organization offices, homes, and community settings and develop policies and procedures which address carrying out the model with fidelity in virtual, telephone, and place-based modalities.

Updated information can be found at the Parents as Teachers e-Business portal, <https://ebiz.patnc.org/eBusiness/home>, in >O.L.I.V.E.R.>Workspaces>Model Implementation>COVID-19 Resources tab>TA Brief–Guidance for Continuing to Support Families during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis.

The TA Brief–Guidance for Continuing to Support Families during the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis document contains information about how to best provide services to families while maintaining the safety and well-being of their workforce and families.

Impacts on PATNC Model Implementation

Updated information about Essential Requirements, Quality Standards, APR, and Quality Endorsement Improvement Process can be found in Parents as Teachers e-Business portal at >O.L.I.V.E.R.>Workspaces>Model Implementation Workspace>Library>Scroll down to the PDF, *Model Fidelity and COVID-19*.

The *Model Fidelity and COVID-19 PDF* provides detailed information regarding affiliates maintaining model fidelity during the COVID-19 pandemic.