



# PARENT-CHILD HOME PROGRAM

## 50 YEARS OF PROVEN SUCCESS

### MASSACHUSETTS PARENT-CHILD HOME PROGRAM

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#### **Successful and Cost-Effective**

The Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP) is an evidence-based model delivered with sufficient dosage to prepare children and families for school success. It reaches families in underserved communities, increases parent involvement in their children's education, and builds literacy and language-rich home environments.

- PCHP's nationwide network of program sites provides low-income families with the necessary skills and tools to ensure their children achieve their greatest potential in school and in life.
- The National Center assists underserved communities in replicating and expanding PCHP's proven school readiness program that builds early parent-child verbal interaction and learning at home. Together we are strengthening families and communities, and preparing the workforce of the future.
- The Program was founded in New York in 1965, and now works with families in the United States, Bermuda, Canada, Chile, and Ireland.
- Fifty years of research demonstrates that PCHP graduates outperform comparison children on school readiness and social-emotional measures, on standardized tests throughout elementary school, and on high school graduate rates.

#### **Massachusetts Status**

Currently, PCHP has 35 MA sites serving over 160 cities and towns across the state. In 2016-2017, 1,100 families participated in the Program, receiving over 37,155 home visits, 10,696 books and 9109 toys. PCHP sites are supported by state funds through the Department of Early Education and Care, school district funds, United Ways, corporations, banks, and private foundations.

#### **Snapshot of the 1,100 MA families enrolled in 2016- 2017:**

- 84% of children are not receiving any other early childhood or education services while enrolled in PCHP.
- 91% of children have not received early childhood services prior to their enrollment in PCHP.
- 63% of children speaking English as a second language have English skills that are limited or non-existent.
- 46% of children have "limited or non-existent" native language skills.
- 36% Spanish/Hispanic, 16% Asian, 12% African-American.
- 72% of families have incomes under \$30,000.
- 23% single parent households.
- 25% of primary caregivers did not graduate from high school and have not received a GED.
- Staff includes 265 Early Learning Specialists and Coordinators, of whom 36% are multilingual, speaking 10 different languages, including: Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian-Creole, Cape Verdean, Bengali, German, Japanese, Cambodian, Somali, and French.
- 82% of families receive government aid, including WIC, health insurance, food stamps, and public housing subsidies.

## Who We Serve

- Low-income families challenged by limited educational opportunities, literacy and language barriers, and geographic isolation.
- Two-parent families, single parents, teen parents, foster parents, and grandparents raising grandchildren.
- Urban, rural and suburban families, immigrants, refugees, American-born families, and homeless families.

## Program Overview

- An intensive two-year program with home visits twice a week for a minimum of 92 visits over a two-year program cycle.
- All local sites, overseen by Coordinators trained by the PCHP National Center, work with underserved families with children 16 months to 4-years-old supporting parents as they prepare their children to enter school ready to read and ready to succeed.
- Community-based early learning specialists, trained by site coordinators, model quality verbal interaction, reading and play activities. Each week, they bring a gift of a book or an educational toy that is the curricular material for the week.
- Early learning specialists receive 16 hours of initial training prior to beginning home visits and at least 2 hours of training and supervision each week.
- Approximately 25% of Home Visitors are former PCHP parent participants.

## Massachusetts Parent-Child Home Program Locations

35 partner agencies in these communities are providing the Parent-Child Home Program to families and family child care providers in over 160 Massachusetts cities and towns.

Ayer/Shirley	Holyoke	Quincy
Barre/Fitchburg	Lawrence/Methuen	Revere
Boston	Leominster	Salem
Brockton	Lowell	Somerville
Brookline	Lynn	Springfield
Cambridge	Medford	Stoughton
Central Berkshire/Pittsfield	New Bedford	Taunton
Clinton/Marlborough	Newton/Needham/Wellesley	Waltham
Fall River	Northampton	Ware
Framingham	Northern Berkshire	Wareham
Great Barrington	Plymouth	Watertown
Greenfield		Worcester

*PCHP is the winner of the 2016 Library of Congress Literacy Awards' American Prize, and has been recognized by the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, and the Campaign for Grade Level Reading as a 'Bright Spot' model.*

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