

## MISSION

*To empower, support, and encourage parents as their child's first and most influential teacher, in order that their families may have the optimal opportunity to succeed in life.*

## VISION

*To provide parents with the necessary life skills, information, education, and resources through personal visiting, networking and parent group meetings.*



## Wilson County Founders

*Lebanon Special School District*

*Wilson County Schools*

*Prospect, Inc.*

*UT Extension, Wilson County*



## How can I enroll?

*Any child living in Wilson County, TN prenatal to five years old is eligible.*

*If you are interested in learning more or enrolling in this program please contact Marietta Sanford at UT Extension, Wilson County at 444-9584 or by email at [msanfor1@tennessee.edu](mailto:msanfor1@tennessee.edu)*

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# Parents as Teachers



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# WHAT IS IT?

**Wilson County Parents as Teachers** is a free, educational program designed to provide information, fun activities, support, and encouragement to parents of children ...birth to five years old living in Wilson County, TN. This is done through parent group meetings and personal visits focusing on children.

**YOUR CHILD WAS BORN TO LEARN...** This is so exciting! As a parent or caregiver, you are your child's first and most influential teacher. By understanding what to expect during each stage of development, parents can easily capture the teachable moments in everyday life to enhance their child's language, social, and emotional development as well as motor skills.

## What do YOU get?

- ◆ **Parent Group Meetings**
  - \* **Door Prizes**
  - \* **Free Childcare During Program**
- ◆ **Resource Network**
- ◆ **Screenings**
- ◆ **Personal Visits**
- ◆ **MUCH MORE!**

## Parent Group Meetings

Group meetings provide the opportunity to share information about parenting issues and child development. Parents learn and support each other, observe their child with other children and practice parenting skills. Most parents just like getting together and talking with other parents about the people they love the most.....their kids!

## Resource Network

Parent Educators link your family to other community services and agencies such as social activities, medical information, and childcare....like the Wilson County 4-H Babysitting Program!



## Screenings

Annual screenings assess your child's developmental stages and health.

## Personal Visits

During personal visits, your Parent Educator will share age-appropriate child development and parenting information. He or she will also help you learn to observe your child and address your parenting concerns. Personal visits can take place in the comfort of your own home or even an open setting such as a park or a restaurant.....the location is totally up to you!

# What are People Talking About?

**Quotes were taken from real parents here in Wilson County, TN attending the first Parent Support Group offered in the Spring of 2008.**

“Having someone take the time to talk with me, one-on-one, about parenting makes me feel useful, needed and very necessary!”

“I love being part of a group of parents that are going through the same situations I am.”

“I love coming every Monday! My daughter doesn't want to leave either. The childcare portion really helps me and I get to have more friends that understand.”

“I am a mother of two and I wish when I had my first child there was such a program. With this program, I have learned to interact more with both my children. I support this program completely!”