

Parents and Children Together

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Parent and Child Services

Family Assistance Through Community Ties (FACT) seeks to maximize the use of resources throughout our community. We desire to provide all children with a safe and supportive environment in order to optimize their learning experience. Currently, FACT is offered in three elementary schools. FACT coordinates services in the school that are needed by the students and families but are not currently provided by the schools.

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is focused on early learning and providing child growth and development in the home. PAT services are divided into four component parts - personal visits, developmental screening, group meetings and community resource referral. Each participating family is assigned a certified Parent Educator who completes personal visits with the family every four to six weeks.

Educational Opportunities

Adult Programs

Baby Talk is a series of 8 prenatal classes for expecting parents.

The Kids and You parenting series provides free parenting classes during daytime and evening, in English and in Spanish.

Student Awareness School-Based Programs

Tricky People is a presentation which helps first-graders recognize deceptive behavior, awaken feelings and intuitions, and build self confidence through video, song, dance, and eight safety rules. The children learn tools to protect themselves, recognize lures that may be used to trick them, and tell a trusted adult even if the person is not a stranger but someone they know.

Better Safe than Sorry is a two-day classroom presentation for third graders. It includes a puppet show about child abuse and neglect followed by a discussion of abuse faced by the puppets.

Ridin' the Roller Coaster is a three-day classroom presentation for seventh-graders. Topics discussed are families, learning to cope when problems arise, emotional self-control with an emphasis on anger management and child abuse prevention.

The Parenting Profession is a three-day tenth grade parenting course which focuses on the roles of both mothers and fathers, stresses faced by teen parents, the importance of developing health relationships and child abuse prevention.

Community Participation

Case Management - Direct assistance is offered through the intake process at the PACT office. Follow-up case management is provided on an individual basis for ongoing support.

Newborn - Trained volunteers offer a packet of literature to all new mothers who deliver in the two hospitals of Morgan County. The educational packets include information concerning child growth and development, child safety, and parenting tools. They also tell them about PACT programs and other community resources.

Speaker's Bureau - PACT employees are available to make presentations regarding a variety of parenting topics, child abuse and neglect or information regarding PACT projects.

The PACT Family Resource Library is available to anyone in the Morgan County community. It contains a multitude of parenting books and video tapes for all types of parenting issues.

Safe Havens Pilot Program provides supervised visitation for families experiencing separation.

A Family Resource Center