



PA PAT Supervisors Learning Community March 19, 2020, online meeting

Ideas expressed about conducting personal visits and group work

The following ideas about implementing Parents as Teachers model components in virtual or telephonic environments were expressed by local PAT affiliate staff. Prior to implementing anything new within your program, please vet with your organization for compliance with its rules/guidelines. We are always aware of and concerned for the privacy of the families we serve. Verify with your organization its guidelines about protecting privacy of family members.

- Break up personal visits by phone and video into two to three segments.
- Send advanced information to families via text or email about activities that will occur so that they are prepared.
- Include photos examples with communications.
- Send families packets or supplies by mail in advance of personal visits
- Brainstorm with staff and parents about household items that could be used in activities.
- Hold group activities via Facebook livestreams.
- Use Zoom for meetings and group activities.
- Use Google docs to share information with colleagues and parents.
- Livestream cooking activities using simple recipes that families can make together.
- Give parents the opportunity to "shine": ask them to suggest ideas for visits.
- One affiliate hosted a live breastfeeding support group on Instagram that anyone could join.
- Mail PAT information and parent resources to families who do not have a telephone. Include postage-paid envelopes so that these families can return documents to the organization, if needed.

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