

What We Do

Let's face it — parenting is difficult. Our team of experienced and supportive educators can help you decode your child's behaviors and give you practical solutions for the smallest or biggest parenting challenges. We can teach you new, effective parenting skills to keep your children safe and help them reach their full potential.

You choose the type of program that best meets your family's needs:

- Personalized home visiting
- Post-Adoption services
- Neighborhood-based groups
- Classes and workshops



Our nonjudgmental educators offer confidential programs at little or no cost during the day or evenings in English and Spanish.

Who We Are

Parenting Matters was founded in 1994 (as Family Partnership Center) by the Manatee County Exchange Club. We have maintained AAA accreditation from National Exchange Club for our high quality programs and business operations.



Our mission is to strengthen all families and prevent child abuse in at-risk families through comprehensive parenting education and support. **Our vision** is to ensure all families in our community have access to the skills and support needed to effectively parent their children.

All programs are offered at little or no cost to the families we serve thanks to generous contributions from foundations, businesses, local government, service clubs, grants, and individuals.

Parenting Matters serves approximately 2,200 parents and children annually.



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Parenting Matters

It's the most important job you'll ever have.



You don't have to do it ALONE!



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Parenting Matters' Programs

Who We Serve

Moms, Dads, Adoptive Families, Single Parents, Grandparents, Spanish Speaking Parents, Teen Parents, New Parents... any parent or primary caregiver of a child age 0-17 in Manatee or Sarasota County.

Contact us today!



What families are saying:

"This group is my sanctuary."
- Jenna, mother of four

"I have learned self confidence
and ways to discipline that work!"
- Susan, mother of two preschoolers

"It was a relief to learn all the ways
I can 'risk-proof' my adolescents.
Every parent should know this
information about teens!"
- Tom, father of two preteens



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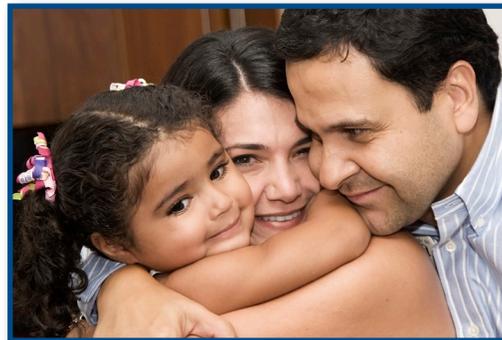
Personalized

Navigating the ups and downs of today's parenting can be a lot less stressful with the support of a professional who specializes in understanding children. Our parenting educators will help you design a program suited to your parenting interests and needs.

Teamin' Up for Tots: Parents with newborns through three years of age receive up to ten visits on topics you choose, such as limit setting, baby care basics, brain development, potty training, early learning, and nutrition.

Parent Partner Program: Parents of kids ages birth to twelve receive an average of 24 weekly visits to address child development, your personal parenting interest topics, and an in-depth look at effective discipline strategies. This program provides hands-on coaching to help you master new skills.

Chosen Families: Adoptive families can receive Parenting Education, Counseling, Respite Care, Educational Advocacy, and Service Coordination provided by Adoption Competent Certified professionals who understand your family's unique needs.



Musical Motion

Parents and children ages one through five explore fun, creative activities that build preschoolers' social skills and enhance brain development and early learning abilities, while interacting with other families. Musical Motion is offered weekly in English and Spanish at locations throughout the community. Classes typically follow the school calendar. Contact us for dates and times for the class nearest you.

Parents' Groups

Groups provide a valuable opportunity to interact with other parents in a comfortable setting while adding to your parenting "tool box" of effective skills. These "tools" will help you increase family bonding, reduce discipline problems, and help risk-proof your children and support their academic needs. Groups are offered in English and Spanish throughout the year.