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- Learn about their child's development.
- Engage in parent education and child development activities.
- Access health care information, as well as assistance regarding health care services and insurance.
- Access education, training, and employment information.
- Receive information on and assistance with other community resources, such as well-baby care, immunizations, and Early Intervention services.

What Services Are Available?

Since each PA Family Center takes a unique approach to meeting its community's needs, not all services are available in every center. However, PA Family Center services may include:

- Parents as Teachers (PAT) Program
- Parent Support Groups
- Parenting Skills Programs
- Child Health and Development Screenings
- Promoting Responsible Fatherhood Program
- Child Care Programs
- Child Abuse Prevention Program
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Where Are Family Centers Located?

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To locate a PA Family Center near you, call the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) at (717) 346-9320, or visit the websites listed below.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Phone: (717) 346-9320

Websites: Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/childcareearlylearning/index.htm>

For more information on Family Centers:

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/findfacilsandlocs/preventiveservicesfamilycenters/index.htm#.VkS8RXarSHt>

Family Center Location Listings:

<http://www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/familycenters/FamilyCenterList.pdf>

For more information on the Parent as Teachers (PAT) program, go to:

<http://www.parentsasteachers.org/>

Age Range: This depends on which services your family needs. Contact your regional Family Center for age ranges served. (See Family Center Location Listings.)

Eligibility: This depends on which services your family needs. Contact your regional Family Center to find out if your family qualifies. (See Family Center Location Listings.)

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