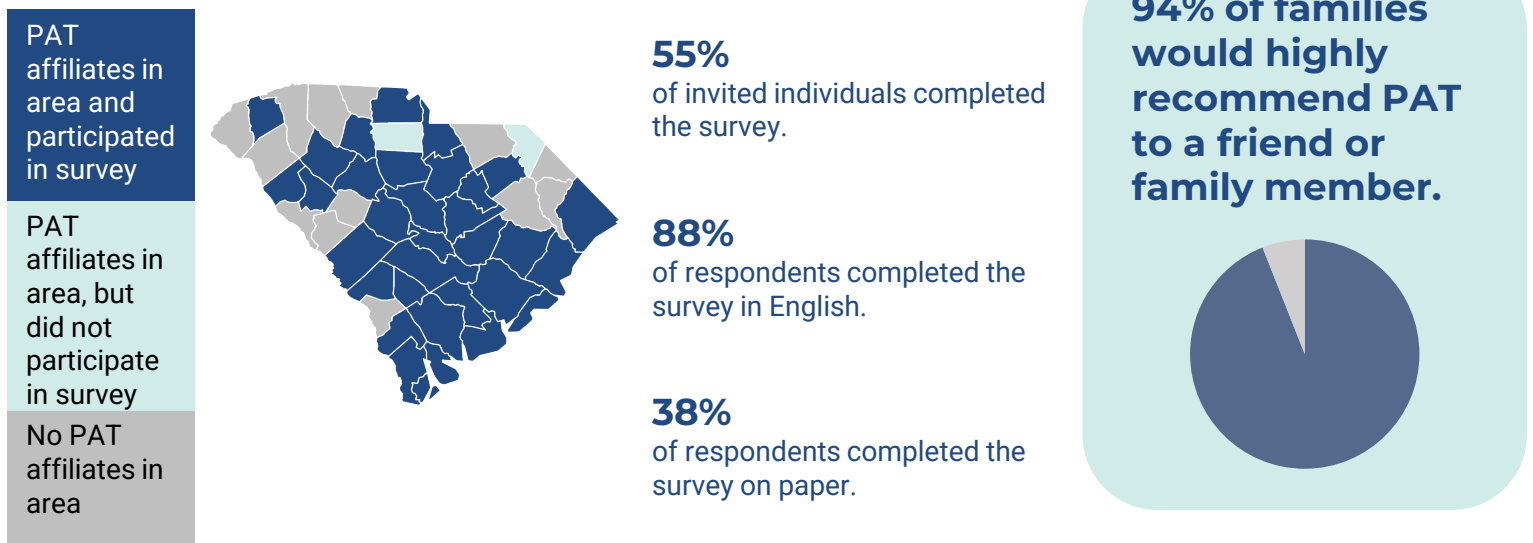


# Spring 2024 Parents as Teachers Family Engagement Survey

The South Carolina Parents as Teachers (PAT) State Office prioritizes and values listening and responding to feedback from participating families. Each year, the South Carolina PAT State Office administers a family engagement survey to gather feedback from families about their experience participating in a PAT program in their community. Feedback from this survey is used to inform changes that improve the quality of program delivery and the experience of participating families.

Over 1,200 families from 35 PAT affiliates were invited to participate in the Spring 2024 Parents as Teachers Family Engagement Survey between March 11 and May 31, 2024. Some PAT parent educators shared the link to the survey with their families via text message and/or email; others printed the survey for families to complete on paper. The survey was available in English and Spanish. There were 678 responses to the survey (estimated response rate: 55%). Families who completed the survey were invited to enter a drawing for a gift basket with educational toys for their child valued at \$30.

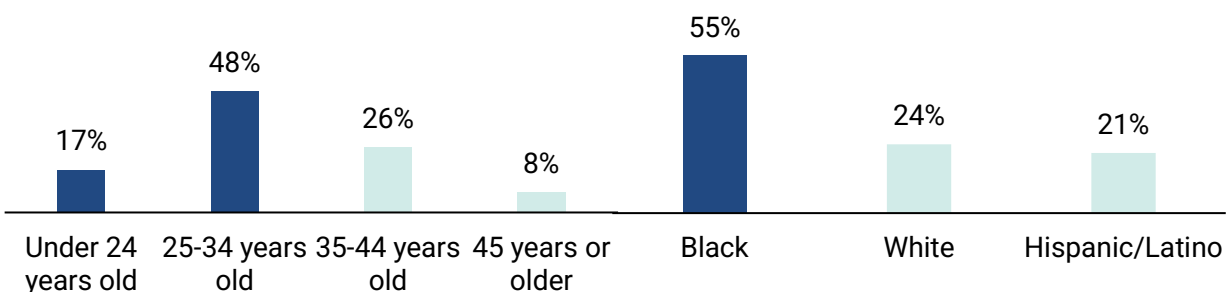
## We heard from 678 families across South Carolina.



## PAT is an evidence-based home visiting program supporting diverse, thriving families and communities across the state.

Two out of three survey respondents were under 34 years old.

Over half of survey respondents identified as Black.



For more information, visit [scfirststeps.org](https://scfirststeps.org)

## Parents as Teachers is a comprehensive program that meets each family's unique needs.



Developmental screenings and assessments



Personal visits from a parent educator at least twice per month



Referrals to community resources



Monthly group meetings with other families

## Families participating in PAT have increased their knowledge of child development and strengthened their relationships with the community.

**98%**

of families understand their child(ren)'s development better

**96%**

of families have learned new parenting strategies

**94%**

of families have been connected to resources in their community

**75%**

of families have built relationships with other families in their community

## High-quality parenting information, deep personal relationships, and age-appropriate educational materials are key assets of the PAT program.

The most valuable parts of the PAT program are...

**1**

The information I learn during visits.

**2**

The relationship I build with my parent educator.

**3**

The materials provided by my parent educator.

"The [PAT] program is good at relaying referrals for the parent and child. I also like that the program gives books to the children. The most important thing is that the parent educator seems to be compassionate about her job and the families she serves."

Parent,  
Darlington County

## Parent educators create supportive, respectful relationships when working with families.

"We are a family that speaks Spanish as our first language, and she is very patient and tries to help us."

Parent,  
Union County

"The educator thinks about what the family needs and the kid's specific needs at the time and focus on that."

Parent,  
Calhoun County

"My parent educator always asks about kids and offers suggestions and is a great shoulder to lean on for encouragement."

Foster parent,  
Fairfield County