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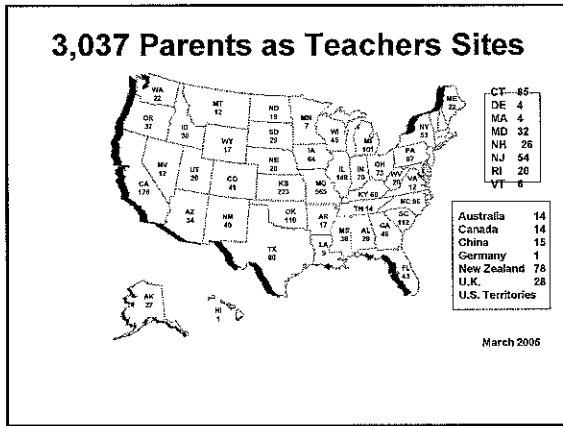
*Baby's Amazing Brain
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Parents as Teachers Vision & Mission

V All children will learn, grow, and develop to realize their full potential.

To provide the information, support, and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

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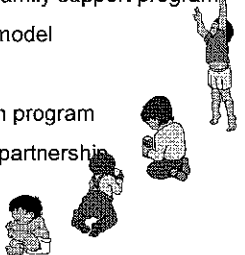
Four Components

- Personal visits
- Group meetings
- Screenings
- Resource network

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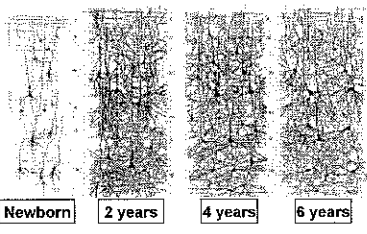
What is Parents as Teachers?

- A parent education/family support program
- A universal access model
- A strengths model
- A primary prevention program
- A home/community partnership



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Development of the Human Cerebral Cortex

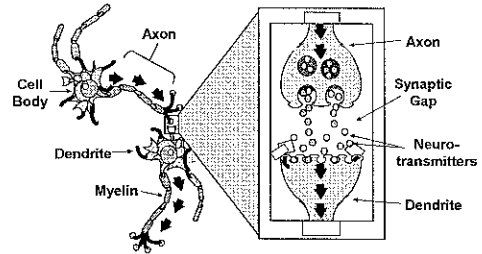


Newborn 2 years 4 years 6 years

Amazing Brain

- Parts of a neuron
- Myelination
- Attachment
- Windows of Opportunity

Neurotransmitters



Changes in Brain Development After Age 3

Maturation of dendrites

Maturation of the prefrontal cortex

Myelination in the cerebral cortex

Maturation of corpus callosum

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