Rockwood Parents as Teachers
Participation Agreement and Consent for Services

I. What is Parents as Teachers?
Parents as Teachers is an early childhood home visiting program designed to help you learn more about parenting, support your child’s development, and help with parenting challenges until your child enters kindergarten. Your participation is voluntary and there is no cost.

Our services for your family include:
> Personal visits – By a certified Parent Educator to support you in your parenting role and provide child development information.
> Group connections – Opportunities to get to know other families.
> Child screening – Developmental screening and health review that can identify potential developmental delays.
> Resource network- Connection to resources in the community based on the interest and needs of your family.

II. What can you expect?
First, we will get to know you better by learning about your family. We will also partner with you to set goals that are meaningful to you and your family.
> You will receive home visits.
> You will be able to participate in group connections with other families while exploring parenting topics.
> Your children will receive developmental screenings and they will have an opportunity for a review of health, hearing, and vision.
> We will help you connect to resources in the community.

III. What will we ask of you?
> Be present for and participate actively in all scheduled visits. Please turn off the TV and limit the use of other electronics during the visit.
> Share your observations of your child each visit and during screenings.
> If you need to cancel or reschedule, please contact your Parent Educator at least 24 hours in advance. If you miss three visits without canceling or rescheduling, you will be put on the waiting list.
> Pet Policy: While we understand that your pets are an important part of your family, we have regretfully found a need to establish a new procedure. As a result of some serious animal allergies and incidents of animal threats and bites to staff members on home visits, from this day forward we are asking that you contain your pets in another part of your home during the home visit. This will provide a safe environment for our visit and allow us to completely focus on your child. Thank you for your cooperation.
IV. Confidentiality
By providing your consent, some data information may be shared in order to meet requirements of this program.
For reporting purposes, your data will be summarized, de-identified (this means that your name and any information that personally identifies you will not be connected to the data), and reported to Parents as Teachers National Center and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This information is important for our program funding and to help make sure families are getting quality services.

Parents as Teachers will not release identifiable information outside of the program without your written permission with the following exceptions:
  Our program may share information without your consent in order to protect you or others from serious harm. Our program may release information if we receive a court order requiring us to do so.

V. The limits of our services
Our Parent Educators are certified, trained professionals but they are not psychologists or medical professionals. They do not diagnose developmental, psychological, or medical conditions. However, we can help you connect to quality professionals and resources that can assist in these situations.
I have read and understood the Rockwood Parents as Teachers participation agreement. I agree to participate in PAT services. By signing this consent form, I agree to allow the information described in section IV to be collected and kept by the PAT program. I understand that at anytime I can let my Parent Educator or the PAT supervisor know verbally or in writing that I no longer want to participate.

Please review and sign annually.

Year 1:
Printed name of enrolled participant_____________________________________Date_____________
Signature of enrolled participant________________________________________Date_____________
Signature of Parent Educator__________________________________________Date_____________

Year 2:
Signature of enrolled participant________________________________________Date_____________

Year 3:
Signature of enrolled participant________________________________________Date_____________

Year 4:
Signature of enrolled participant________________________________________Date_____________

Year 5:
Signature of enrolled participant________________________________________Date_____________