



PARENTS,  
TEACHERS, &  
ADVOCATES

**Believe in Parenting**

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Over the last 13 years Parents, Teachers, and Advocates (PT&A) has developed, trained, and engaged adults in a variety of eight successful classes) which cover a variety of 21<sup>st</sup> Century parenting issues. Over the course of the last decade we have seen the rise in the creation of parent ministries. These programs are also called family ministries. I believe the church see that families are in crisis in many ways. Whether it is parents who are distracted by everyday life, stressed by work or sickness, addicted to phones/media, or just want to be more effective as parents passing on their faith. Christian parents are crying out for help and support.

In response many churches are establishing Family/Parenting ministries. PT&A as an expert in the field wants to support families. PT&A was orgianally developed as a program for our executive director's masters program at Oral Roberts University. It was completed in 2006 when she worked with a group of parents at the Child Development Center of Roswell. We have been using the program throughout the metro Atlanta area to support adult parental development for many agencies including the Salvation Army, World Changers, and Congregation Beth Hallel.

Believe in Parenting wants to work with congregations in which ever what works best for them. We can come in and train your volunteers in patrent ministry. We can help your team to develop your parent ministry. We can come in and provide parent weekends or offer materials for one. It is our goal to meet the

needs for individual churches as they are. We want to come alongside and support each congregations efforts. Read on to find out more about what we offer.

## **Believe in Parenting Program**

Parenting Classes



Private Sessions



Ministry Volunteer Training



Training Ministry Staff



Ministry Consultations

### **Parent Classes**

Parent classes promote adults developing their skills in parenting children into becoming Godly, purpose-driven, Christian adults. The kind of people who live their faith with passionate conviction. These classes include: Parent Manuals, the 3-hour session, Trainers Fee, and a ½ hour question and answer session.

Parent Bootcamp Weekends are PT&A's way of supporting a congregations need to both reach out to the community and raise funds for church programs. These weekends consist of 3sessions of 3.5 hour each. We recommend our class Parenting and Mentoring Teens for these weekends.

### **Parent Private Sessions**

There are times when families encounter issues which need private and personal discussions and coaching not provided in a group environment. Believe in Parenting can provide 30-45-minute sessions to families needing the extra added support.

These sessions are solution based the participants are asked to fill out and turn in questionnaires to help PT&A staff ascertain the issues. Staff will then prepare a personalized program to support families in navigating through the issues. Depending on client need more sessions may be offered to parents at a reduced rate.

### **Ministry Volunteer Training**

One of the greatest and most time-consuming aspects of running any Children's, Youth, and Family Program is volunteer training. Believe in Parenting has a database of 96 classes to pull from to create a volunteer training program unique to each congregation needs.

**Children's Ministry** Children need to see how the Word applies to their lives and how to live it in everyday life. This training focuses on helping volunteers create environments with positive, child centered, developmentally appropriate learning environments. Teachers will learn classroom management and how to foster interactive, fun and engaging classroom experiences.

**Youth Ministry** the most challenging groups to work with in any congregation are children aged 10-15. In fact, this age is challenging period. This series of trainings starts by training adults about all of the changes taking place during this time and help them to using these facts to create environments designed to support children through these changes while helping them develop their identities in Messiah.

**Family Ministry** the purpose of Family Ministry is to help adults to parent effectively while inspiring the next generation to love and serve Messiah. However, the ministry can be tough because at it's root parenting is about

developing strong individual relationships with each child. These sessions train volunteers in relationship building and parenting effectiveness. Creating a space for each adult to parent from who they are in an authentic manner.

### **Ministry Team Training Options**

Parents, Teachers, and Advocates main purpose in establishing the Believe in Parenting Program is to support Congregations in building what we refer to as Parent Development Ministries.

A Parent Development Ministry has three focus points:

1. **Getting parents to examine their own lives** and to adjust where needed into living their own Godly purpose driven lives.
2. **Facilitating the growth of each parent** through an understanding of child development, personality, temperament, and other aspects of childhood to give them the basis for dealing with children based on understanding.
3. **Empowering parents with the tools they need** to establish strong interpersonal relationships with each child. Then train them to use their influence to empower children to develop lives lived with purpose, courage, and conviction.

The Ministry Team Training is a ½ day to 18-month training. The goal is to help ministry teams understand parent development and how to create programming specifically to empower adults into effective parenting.

### **Ministry Consultation Service Options**

PT&A is dedicated to seeing actively engaged congregations create, build, and sustain family ministry programming dedicated to following the premise of Psalms 78:6:

***6 Then (God) commanded our parents to teach it to their children So the next generation would know, and all the generations to come— Know the truth and tell the stories so their children can trust in God, Never forget the works of God but keep his commands to the letter.***

Our consultation services give a Pastor or Ministry Team guidance and support as they create an environment where their congregations can come together to facilitate "a Village" based on the above Scripture.

It is our goal for these consultations sessions to come into each Congratulation's individual atmosphere and develop the Parent Development Ministry based on the culture found there. Working with staff PT&A brings in our tools, training, and parent development curriculum to train the team to offer this Parent Development focus to their members.



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### **Education**

B.S. Elementary Education, Harris-Stowe State University  
M. A. Early Childhood Education, Oral Roberts University  
National Certification in Strengthening Families Model, Temple University  
Team Building and Facilitation Certification, Ozarks Technical Community College

### **Agencies Served**

Salvation Army  
Fulton County Juvenile Court  
Atlanta Public Schools  
Child Development Association  
East Point Community Action Team  
Drake House  
Gate City Day Nursery  
Georgia Association on Young Children

### **Believe in Parenting**

Fee

Due to the variety of trainings and services offered. PT&A requests congregations meet with one of our representatives to determine the needs and develop a plan then be quoted a fee.

### **What Parents Have to Say**

"Thank you for mothering me. Now, I can be a good Mother to my kids." Marisol P. 2006

"This is awesome! Every new Mom should take this class." Nita W. 2008

I have taken classes with DFCS (Division of Family and Children's Services) they kind of helped; your class is the best I have ever taken. You have helped me a lot. Thank you." Anonymous, 2010

"This class has helped me and Tracy to both be a stronger couple and better parents." Phillip H. 2013

"The class helped me to understand and do what is needed in my blended family." Kevin J ,2015



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I, the Board of Directors, and staff of Parents, Teachers, and Advocates would like to thank you for taking a look at our Believing in Parent Program. We are very excited to bring this program to you. The team and I are looking forward to serving you and your Congregation.

Regards in Messiah,

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