



*Soaring to Success Through Books and Play...*

# The Parent-Child Home Program

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## Recipe for Success in South Carolina

In 2007, Casey heard about The Parent-Child Home Program in Florence, SC and enrolled her two and a half year old son, Jadin. With another son a year younger, Casey and Thomas, both working full time, took turns staying home, and wanted to make sure their 'boys were on the right track'.

Their Home Visitor arrived twice a week bringing books, blocks, puzzles, and other toys used to engage Jadin and his parents in reading, playing, and learning. After a short time, Casey and Thomas began to see how the Program could not only help their children achieve success, but could also help them achieve their dreams. They both enrolled in family literacy classes offered at the Florence School District One Parent Center. They were working full time, taking care of two small children, and actively pursuing their GED's. They continued at this hectic pace, determined to reach their goals.



*Thomas and Jadin (left) read one book, while Casey and her younger son read another*

After two years of The Parent-Child Home Program, Jadin graduated and scored in the 99th percentile on the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test. Casey received her GED in the spring of 2008 and Thomas continued to attend classes until earning his GED in the spring of 2009.

This story is a wonderful example of the powerful impact The Parent Child Home Program can have on an entire family. It literally changed their lives. Casey is currently attending the local technical college and Thomas plans to continue his education once Casey is finished. Jadin is enrolled in the School District's four-year-old program and is doing exceedingly well, while his younger brother is learning and growing with the books and toys brought by the Program.

This family's motivation and determination are relentless and, in 2008, they were honored with Florence School District One's Family Literacy award.

Two determined parents, two enthusiastic children, a proven program, books and toys, and a supportive family literacy program; mix them all together and you have a **recipe for success**, all thanks to the Florence School District One and The Parent-Child Home Program!

### [The Parent-Child Home Program](#)

The Parent-Child Home Program is a national, non-profit, evidence-based home visiting program that promotes school success and positive parenting skills. Trained Home Visitors work with families twice weekly over two years. Using age and culturally appropriate books and educational toys, which remain in the home as gifts to the family, the Home Visitors model reading, play, and conversation activities. The Program targets high-risk families facing significant obstacles to academic success, including: poverty, language barriers, limited parental education, low literacy levels, and geographic isolation. Sites also serve as a social service referral contact, linking families to other services as needed. The National Center, located in Garden City, NY, oversees replication sites in over 150 communities in the United States and international sites in Bermuda, Canada and Ireland.