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### **\*\*Community Event\*\***

## **Parenting Matters in Berrien County**

*Conference will feature a variety of parenting topics*

**What:** Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (Berrien RESA) Parents as Teachers Program and the Great Start Collaborative are hosting a day-long conference dedicated to empowering parents through fun, interactive and research-based workshops centered around popular parenting topics. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about new information and develop skills that will help them feel more confident in raising their children.

**Who:** **Parents and caregivers of children up to third grade**

**When/Where:** **Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
**8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

*Berrien RESA Administrative Conference Center*  
*711 St. Joseph Ave.*  
*Berrien Springs, MI 49103*

**Brief:** Join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Parenting Matters Conference! This day-long conference is dedicated to empowering parents through fun, interactive and research-based workshops centered around popular parenting topics. Parents will have the opportunity to learn about new information and develop skills that will help them feel more confident in raising their children. Join us on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Berrien RESA Administrative Conference Center in Berrien Springs.

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Topics being featured include:

- Potty Training
- Social Skills
- Behavior
- Technology
- Literacy
- Sleep Habits
- Discipline
- Developing Self Esteem
- Creativity
- And more!

Registration is required by at [https://www.berrienresa.org/education\\_services/early\\_childhood\\_education/parenting\\_matters\\_conference](https://www.berrienresa.org/education_services/early_childhood_education/parenting_matters_conference) or by phone by calling Parents As Teachers Playgroup Coordinator, Susan Parlak, at (269) 471-7725 ext. 1356. Door-to-door transportation is available at no charge by contacting Susan no later than 2 p.m. on March 19. Lunch will also be provided to all registrants. Additionally, free childcare is being offered at Trinity Lutheran Daycare in Berrien Springs. Please call Dawn Stratton to register your child at (269) 473-1811. Space is limited.

Parents as Teachers is an international early childhood parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten. The program is designed to enhance child development and school achievement through parent education and is accessible to all families.

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