



## Building School-Family Relationships that Improve Teaching and Learning

## Parent Teacher Home Visits Work

The **Parent Teacher Home Visits** organization was started in 1998 by a group of parents in Sacramento, California, who wanted to build trust and accountability between parents and teachers, interrupting a cycle of blaming each other for low student achievement.

A nonprofit, PTHV is the leading national expert and, after 20 years, is still the only organization promoting and training educators on a large scale for home visits designed to build relationships. PTHV works in 700 communities in 26 states and Washington, DC.

Focusing on improving the family-school relationship leads to measurable benefits for students, teachers, and the school, confirmed by recent research.

For more information about PTHV's trainings, visit [www.pthvp.org](http://www.pthvp.org) or email [info@pthvp.org](mailto:info@pthvp.org).

### 5 Core Practices

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Visits are  
voluntary  
for all

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Educators are  
trained and  
compensated

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We share  
hopes, dreams,  
and goals

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We don't  
target students

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Educators  
go and reflect  
in pairs

### Students Do Better With Home Visits

Likelihood of chronic absenteeism: -21%

### Schools Do Better With Home Visits

All students do better at schools that systematically implement, even if their family did not get a visit.

Odds of scoring proficient on ELA tests: +35%

Likelihood of chronic absenteeism: -22%

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Three studies over the past two years by Johns Hopkins University and RTI International show:

## It's the right model

Core practices supported by research

## Students do better in school

Less likely to be chronically absent

More likely to do well on ELA tests

## Teachers change their thinking about students

Experience mindshifts and rethink assumptions

Get better at engaging students

Show more empathy

## Families change their thinking about school

Become less intimidated

Feel like partners with teachers

Are more likely to communicate with teachers and school

## The Research

**Mindset Shifts and Parent Teacher Home Visits**, RTI International, October 2017

**Parent Teacher Home Visits Implementation Study**, Center on School, Family & Community Partnerships at Johns Hopkins University, September 2018

**Student Outcomes and Parent Teacher Home Visits**, Center on School, Family & Community Partnerships at Johns Hopkins University, November 2018

**Read the studies:**

[pthvp.org/PTHVworks](http://pthvp.org/PTHVworks)



“The PTHV model has many strong, research-supported features for addressing and counteracting implicit biases and for building positive school and family partnerships focused on the success of the student.”

— RTI International

“These three studies offer a bright spot to all who wish to bring about equity in schools and improve students’ chances for success.”

— Hedy N. Chang, Executive Director  
Attendance Works

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