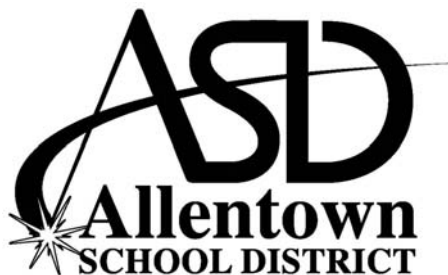


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**PARENTS AS TEACHERS NATIONAL CENTER  
HONORS ASD PARENT EDUCATOR AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

*Wendy McClung is one of five individuals chosen for the Parent Educator of the Year award.*

(Allentown, PA) March 22, 2006 – Wendy McClung, Family Development Specialist for the Jefferson Family Center, was honored at the 15th Annual Parents as Teachers Conference in St. Louis, Mo. on March 21. McClung, along with four other parent educators from Connecticut, Kansas, Iowa, and Alabama, accepted the Parent Educator of the Year award before more than 1,000 conference participants representing early childhood, child care, health, mental health, social services, government and business professionals from across the nation and around the world.

“The Parent Educator of the Year awards honor individuals and programs whose practices exemplify the mission of Parents as Teachers,” says Connie Sentz, Program Manager. “And no one is more deserving of the award than Wendy. This is such an honor for our program and community.”

Since 1992, the Jefferson Family Center has been supporting hundreds of Allentown families through Parents as Teachers. Funded by the PA Department of Public Welfare and the Lehigh County Office of Children and Youth Services, the grant-funded program provides parenting information and support to families beginning during pregnancy and continuing through the child’s transition into kindergarten. For

more information about Family Centers and Parents as Teachers programs in Allentown, telephone 484-765-4429.

### **About Parents as Teachers National Center**

Based in St. Louis, Parents as Teachers National Center is the resource base and backbone of Parents as Teachers, a parent education and early childhood development program serving parents throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, usually age 5. The nonprofit National Center oversees more than 3,000 programs offering Parents as Teachers services nationwide as well as in several other countries. For more information about Parents as Teachers, visit [www.ParentsAsTeachers.org](http://www.ParentsAsTeachers.org).

### **About Allentown School District**

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