

Calhoun County



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Year Program Started	2006
Number of Families Served in 2009/2010	53
Number of Children Served in 2009/2010	60
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 09/10	10
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 09/10	29
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 09/10	21
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	3
Areas Served	The city of Anniston
Number of Schools Served	5
Schools Served	Cobb Elementary, Constantine Elementary, Golden Springs Elementary, Randolph Park Elementary, and Tenth Street Elementary
Number of 3-Yr-Old Students Tested in 08/09	17
Percentage of Students that Passed 08/09	85%
Number of 4-Yr-Old Students Tested in 08/09	24
Percentage of Students that Passed 08/09	96%

Program Overview

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a Family Links, Inc. sponsored program that has served families in the West Anniston area since 2006. Currently, there are 3 full-time HIPPY Parent Educators serving 53 families. The Family Links HIPPY Program serves families who have three, four and five year old children. The families complete 30 weeks of lessons and attend monthly parent meetings. Our goals for the Family Links HIPPY Program are to create home environments where parents are given the necessary tools in order to teach their children from a firsthand perspective and to increase the number of children being served in the Anniston Community.

Collaborative Partnerships	Alabama Partnership for Children, Head Start, The Community Foundation of Northeast Alabama, United Way, Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, HIPPY Alabama, Alabama Department of Education through Anniston City Schools, local businesses and other agencies including
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	Calhoun/Cleburne Mental Health, Early Intervention and others.
Funding Sources	Alabama State Department of Education through Anniston City Schools

HIPPY Success Story from Calhoun County

Parent, Ginnette Williams

My name is Ginnette Williams and my child and I have been working with the HIPPY program for about a year now. Some may say I am very impatient and I needed major help in teaching my child some of the basics. The HIPPY program gave me the tools to ensure that my son would be ready for Kindergarten. The lessons are great and because I work with my child at home it worked around my schedule. That is a plus in my book, especially since I am a single parent working and going to school.

My five year old, Cameron Alexander, has learned so much from this program. He is able to recognize his letters and shapes. The activities helped him with his story comprehension and he loves when we do the discovery activities. I am so happy that because of this program, my son likes learning. One year ago, Cameron couldn't even sit still for you to teach him how to say his alphabet, but, now he can say them and sound them out. Thanks to the HIPPY program I'm confident that Cameron is ready to go to Kindergarten and succeed in all things possible.

THANKS HIPPY PROGRAM!!!!



HIPPY Parent, Ginnette Williams