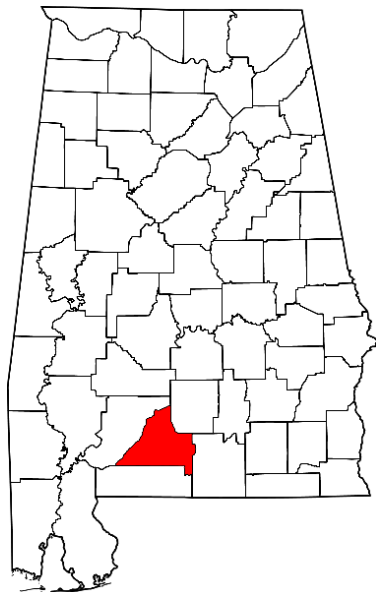


Conecuh County



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Year Program Started	2006
Number of Families Served in 2010-2011	79
Number of Children Served in 2009-2010	85
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 10/11	13
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 10/11	29
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 10/11	43
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	5
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	4
Areas Served	Castleberry, Evergreen, Lyeffion, and Repton
Number of Schools Served	5
Schools Served	Castleberry, Evergreen Elementary School, Lyeffion School, Repton School, and Sparta Academy
Number of Students Tested in 2009/2010	50
Percentage of Students that Passed 08/09	43

Program Overview

The Conecuh County HIPPY program is supported by the Conecuh County Extension System office and The Conecuh County Board of Education. The program is housed in the Extension office at 102 Liberty Street in Evergreen. The program began in 2006 and the number of children and families, as well as home visitors have increased each year.

Conecuh County is a rural county with a high poverty and high unemployment rate. The HIPPY program has been beneficial in helping to reach some of these families and provide them with curriculum, books, and other resources that will help to insure that their children are ready to succeed when they start to school.

The data and progress reports have shown that the students who have been in the HIPPY program since the beginning of the program are at the top of their class.

Collaborative Partnerships	Conecuh Co BOE and Conecuh Cooperative Extension System
Funding Sources	Alabama Legislature, Title I, At Risk Funds, Conecuh Cooperative Extension System, and Kiwanis Club

HIPPY Success Story from Conecuh County

Coordinator, Cheryl Nielsen

Jamesian Dunklin is in his second year of the HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parent's of Preschool Youngsters) Program and he has great plans to be in it for another year .That's when he will get to graduate from the program. But, he doesn't have to wait another year to have already earned recognition for his work and his thirst for learning. He was named Student of the Week and Student of the Month by his Pre-K teacher at Evergreen Elementary School.

Since his grandmother, Mrs. Susie Maxwell, keeps him along with his baby brother, Jady, and sister Jordan while their mother works, she has been his HIPPY guide for the past two years. She was just as excited as he was at his accomplishment. "It just really tickled me and made me happy to see how proud Jamesian was to win that award," she explained. "He really thinks that learning is fun and is always ready for his HIPPY lessons." So, though her time is limited with all that she has to take care of, and even in spite of breaking her leg this year, Mrs. Maxwell still finds time to meet with her home visitor for the program and to go over the HIPPY lessons with Jamesian.

She is not even going to stop when he finishes the program this May because she is looking forward to doing the same with his younger brother Jady who will be old enough for the three year old program next year. "You've got to have HIPPY next year because I've already told Jady that he can be in it, and Jamesian will have a chance to graduate from the five year program."

Mrs. Maxwell and the Dunklin family are exactly what the HIPPY program is all about; empowering parents as the primary educators of their children and teaching the joy of learning to children-----that is the HIPPY mission.

