

Elmore County



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Year Program Started	2008
Number of Families Served in 2009/2010	56
Number of Children Served in 2009/2010	60
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 09/10	28
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 09/10	32
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	4
Number of Areas Served	3
Areas Served	Wetumpka, Coosada, and Eclectic
Number of Schools Served	3
Schools Served	Wetumpka Elementary, Coosada Elementary, and Eclectic Elementary

Program Overview

This year the Elmore County Board of Education HIPPY program has expanded to serve more than three times the number of children we served last year. In addition to serving the Wetumpka school community, we have welcomed children and families from both Coosada and Eclectic into our program. We continue to receive overwhelming support from the community, the schools, local government agencies, our local legislators, as well as other individuals who have made promoting education in our area a priority. The program hopes to expand next year to include the Holtville area, which would mean all of the Title I school communities in our county would have access to HIPPY services.

Collaborative Partnerships	The City of Wetumpka, Department of Human Resources, Children's Policy Council, Elmore County Community Foundation, Alabama Power Foundation, and Elmore County Family Resource Center
Funding Sources	Title I, grants, and donations

HIPPY Success Story from Elmore County

Coordinator, Georgia Pinkston

Our success this year is made most evident by the growth and expansion we have experienced as a program at large. The positive impact of last year's program motivated the

Elmore County Board of Education Federal Programs Coordinator, Donna Goodwin, to expand the program this year to include the Eclectic and Millbrook school communities, in addition to Wetumpka, which was the only area served in 2008/2009. Two more parent educators have been hired, including an individual who is bilingual, making the program available to not only the English speaking families, but those who speak Spanish, as well. The roster of families who will benefit from HIPPY in Elmore County has grown from 20 in 2008/2009 to 60 in 2009/2010. In addition to helping educate our families, we have provided valuable services to them, such as offering free vision/hearing screenings and free oral hygiene kits with information on how to best care for a preschooler's teeth. We have also teamed up with our Board of Education Special Education Department to identify students who are eligible to receive special services now, thereby helping them benefit from early intervention. Other evidence that we are helping not only children, but adults as well, lies in the fact that two of our Parent Educators have committed to returning to school themselves to get degrees that will allow them to seek full time employment in our school system. Overall, what we have been able to achieve in Elmore County with our local HIPPY program in just one year has been remarkable, and we confidently anticipate continued growth and success.

