

Monroe County



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Year Program Started	2006
Number of Families Served in 2009/2010	89
Number of Children Served in 2009/2010	93
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 09/10	3
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 09/10	52
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 09/10	38
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	5
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	10
Areas Served	Monroe County , Alabama

Program Overview

Monroe County is located 100 miles southwest of Montgomery, Alabama. Monroeville is the largest town. It is surrounded by smaller communities such as Excel, Uriah, Frisco City and Beatrice. Our program has five parent Visitors who live near these communities and serve ninety-one families. Our director and coordinator live in Monroeville. The HIPPY office is located in a classroom at Monroeville Elementary School.

Monroe County HIPPY has an Advisory Board that initiated the HIPPY program in 2006-2007. This Board increased its membership in the last month to have representation from the surrounding communities. The members are active in their participation in the projects that HIPPY initiates such as parent meetings, fund raising opportunities and graduation.

Collaborative Partnerships	Monroe Board of Education, Methodist Church, Civic Clubs, Local Churches, Public Education Foundation, Local schools, Civitian Club, United Way, Monroe Journal, and Monroe County Library, Monroe County Hospital, Monroe County DHR, Monroe County Mental Health, Monroe County Head Start.
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HIPPY Success Story from Monroe County

Parent Educator, Cynthia Cook

I am pleased to write a story about a four year old little girl named Carmen. She lives with her mother, father, and two sisters in Goodwater, Alabama. This Carmen's second year in the HIPPY program. Carmen's younger sister is also in the program. Carmen's mother is so excited about having her involved in the HIPPY program. In the past year she had the opportunity to see the impact that HIPPY has made on Carmen.

I first met Carmen at the beginning of last year. She was shy and quiet. She seemed to be a bright and enthusiastic child. She liked to color and draw. Her fine motor skills appeared to be developed. However she did not like to sit still or follow directions. Her vocabulary was on target although some of the words she said were hard to understand. In the three year old program she was able to grasp concepts like under and over and she learned all her colors shapes, that she did not know before HIPPY. She enjoyed every packet of HIPPY materials to the fullest and her mom could not be more proud of her.

Today I am so proud of Carmen. I can see such a difference in her. she knows her colors, shapes, and can count to 20. she enjoys reading the stories and doing her daily home work. Carmen has learned most of the alphabet and really enjoys the matrix. She has really improved greatly on following directions. She is coloring and cutting out pictures better than ever. She will sit and listen to a story and enjoys doing enrichments with me. Carmen has come so far thanks to HIPPY. I cannot wait until she goes to school she will be ready for kindergarten, without a doubt. Her mom now knows how to teach her and how to talk to her to make learning fun. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share Carmen's story.

