

Montgomery County



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Year Program Started	1993
Number of Families Served in 2010/2011	197
Number of Children Served in 2010/2011	203
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 10/11	49
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 10/11	86
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 10/11	68
Number of Coordinators	2
Number of Assistant Coordinators	0
Number of Parent Educators	8
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	7
Areas Served	Cleveland/Ridgecrest, Chisholm, Gibbs, Smiley Court, Southlawn, Tulane, & Regency/Woodley Park
Number of Schools Served	2
Schools Served	E.D. Nixon Elementary and T.S. Morris Elementary
Number of Students Tested 2008/2009	248
Percentage of Students that Passed 08/09	98%

Program Overview

In October, 1993, Montgomery Public Schools established the first HIPPIY program in the state of Alabama. Initially, sixty children, age four, were served. The results at the end of the year were astounding with 79% of the children passing the Kindergarten Readiness Test. Each year has seen an increase in the passage rate of the Kindergarten Readiness test. The year ending May, 2007, had a 97% passage rate. Those not passing had been identified as special needs (e.g. Down's Syndrome and Attention Deficit Disorder). The implementation of the HIPPIY model is centered on the recruitment, training and professional development of parents from the immediate community. These parent educators provide the home instruction and the key to the success of HIPPIY.

Many of our HIPPIY families live in notably harsh circumstances and have few resources, such as access to books and opportunity for involvement. HIPPIY supports the critical component of early literacy through

weekly activities with parental involvement. The building blocks of high-quality early literacy education include strong standards, appropriate and fair assessments, well-built curricula and research-based instructions.

Collaborative Partnerships	Alabama Public Health, Wellness Coalition, Family Guidance, Safe Schools, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, Helping Families Initiative, Montgomery Housing Authority, Montgomery Area Community Foundation, and Parents As Teachers
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HIPPY Success Stories from Montgomery County

We know HIPPY works for the children, here are some success stories to prove that HIPPY works for their parents as well...

Parent, Shirley

Shirley worked lived in the Paterson Court Housing Project; this mother of one was so motivated by the HIPPY program that she began to further her education journey. She has now been able to complete a degree in social work and is working in that field.

Parent, Carmelite

Carmelite, mother of two, lived in the New Town Community. With HIPPY's encouragement she has completed her degree in social work! She has also owned her own daycare business. HIPPY works not only in the life of the child, HIPPY helps the entire family to succeed.

Parent, Gloria

Gloria was one of the first Parent Educators in the Smiley Court Community. This single mother of five worked with two of her children and one grandchild in the HIPPY program. She is now employed with the City of Montgomery as the Recreational Leader. Another HIPPY success!

