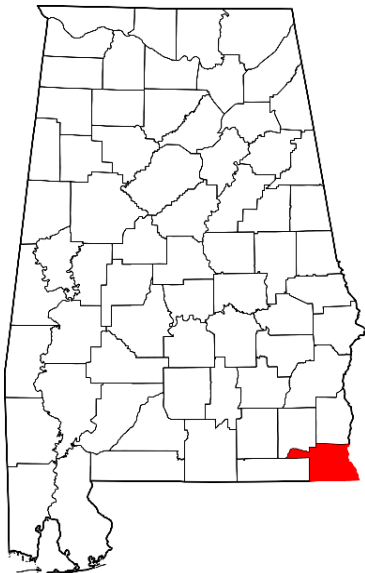


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Year Program Started	2007
Number of Families Served in 2012/2013	38
Number of Children Served in 2012/2013	47
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 2012/2013	8
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 2012/2013	15
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 2012/2013	24
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	3
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	2
Areas Served	Dothan City School and Houston County School Districts
Number of Schools Served	2
Schools Served	Dothan City School and Houston County School Districts
Number of Students Tested in 2011/2012	46
Percentage of Students that Passed 2011/2012	91%
Retention Rate 2011/2012	47%

Program Overview

In 2011-2012 we had three part time home visitors and one full time home visitor. A coordinator supervises the program and HIPPY staff. The coordinator holds a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and Masters Degree in Elementary Reading and Early Literacy. All of our home visitors hold an Associates degree in various fields.

Collaborative Partnerships	Headstart, Dothan City Schools, Cultural Arts Center, Wiregrass Museum of Art and Wallace Community College
Funding Sources	Alabama Department of Education, Wiregrass Foundation, Children's Trust Fund

HIPPY Success Story from Houston County

A Home Visitor

One of my parents took her grandson to be assessed for the kindergarten readiness test for kindergarten. The teacher was so impressed with his results. She was really amazed because he knew a lot of the answers and he has not ever been in a school facility. Grandmother told her, "It was because of the HIPPY Program that taught her how to teach him and she would not know what to do if it was not for the program and the parent educator!" They love the program and can't wait to return next year!

A Home Visitor

Hello my name is Karmen Smith. I have been a part of the Family Services Center for about 15 years. I have received various services throughout this time and my most recent service is the HIPPY Program. My son was a part of HIPPY and he has reached his goals in school. Now I'm proud to say my son advanced from HIPPY and is going to second grade. I now have a three year old that is in HIPPY and she is advancing as well. The Family Services Center and HIPPY are great programs. I'm glad and honored that my family and I got to receive these services.

A Home Visitor

El programa HIPPY creo que es excelente para los niños. Es algo que nos ayude a los padres enseñar a nuestros hijos a aprender cosas nuevas y diferentes. Podemos hacer una buena dinámica en conjunto. Mi hijo ya ha empezado a avanzar con este programa todos los días. La persona que nos enseña cuenta con paciencia y cariño para nosotros. Invitamos a seguir de este programa que es muy bueno.

The HIPPY program I think it is excellent for children. It is something to help us parents teach our children to learn new and different things. We can do good dynamics together. My son since has begun to advance with this program every day. The person that teaches us has patience and affection for us. We invite continue of this program that is very good.

A Home Visitor

Andrew began HIPPY at the beginning of this school year. He is in kindergarten. When he took the pretest for HIPPY he didn't do so well. And we ended up putting him in the four year old curriculum. Then a few weeks later he went and took his kindergarten readiness test and wasn't very successful at that test either. When Andrew took his first DIEBLES test he missed a lot of them. He made zero on three sections and only 12 points on the last section of the test. When he retested before Christmas he maxed the test out and got 100% on everything. He just retested for the last time and he completed every section with flying colors, and will be able to attend the AR end of the year party for his school! HIPPY has made the biggest difference for my family and my child's success in school.



