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NIKKI'S CORNER

Happy HIPPY New Year! We know that with so much happening around us, it can sometimes be hard to notice the good. Yet, alongside the challenges, there are incredible things unfolding within HIPPY. Together, we are stepping into a new season filled with promise and possibility. With the launch of two tailored curricula—one designed to support families with neurodivergent children and another created for early learning centers—there is much to look forward to.

Your voices, experiences, and insights continue to shape the future of HIPPY. In the months ahead, you'll see exciting improvements that are a direct reflection of your impact. We encourage you to stay connected—share reflections, lift up successes, and let us know your challenges. While we may not always have an immediate answer, we are committed to listening deeply and responding with care.

Be sure to review the newsletter each month, as it will highlight new developments and opportunities to engage as we work towards a brighter path for children and families. In the interim, reach me [here](#).

All the Best,
Nikki Martin-Bynum, National Program Director

QR Code - Landing Page

Situation:

In September, HIPPY US was notified that The Little Learners Curriculum Booklet contains a QR code that directs parents to an empty landing page on the HIPPY US website.

Solution:

HIPPY International is creating a Parent Resource Page that will feature professionally recorded songs for all Age 4, Year 2 materials. Each song will be available with and without lyrics to make sing-alongs even easier for families. 🎵

There will also be extra activities for parents to complete with their children, making learning together even more fun and engaging!

More details coming soon!

For now, check out a song:

- [Sounds I Hear \(Song\)](#)
- [Sounds I Hear \(Instrumental\)](#)

Pull Page List

Situation: In September, HIPPY US was notified that the pull page list is now inaccurate due to recent curriculum changes.

Solution: The pull page list is currently being updated and will be in the library no later than Nov 3, 2025.

If your site has begun receiving the new curriculum packets and you have not heard about the updates, please read below so that you stay in the know!

Updates on HIPPY Materials and Ordering Process



On September 18, 2025, S&SWW sent a communication to HIPPY Coordinators:

“Dear HIPPY Coordinators,
We hope your program year is off to a smooth start. We are writing to share important updates regarding HIPPY materials, ordering, and new resources available. Please review the information below carefully.”

The email included details on the following topics:

1. Transition from Old Inventory to New Booklet Format
2. Double-Sided Printing Initiative
3. Back Orders
4. Shipping Confirmations
5. Conference Discount on S&S Orders
6. Curriculum Errors
7. New Autism Supplement Books (**only for those enrolled in the NASD-CORP Cohort**)

For email details, download [this](#) document.



National Press Release



HIPPY SITES IN TEXAS AND COLORADO ARE FEATURED IN A NATIONAL PRESS RELEASE FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



By supporting parents as a child's first teacher, innovative local programs boost early literacy and numeracy skills to prepare children for a successful start to school

United States, July 17, 2025 – Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), the global organization that has pioneered evidence-based home-visiting for more than 50 years, today announced its 2025 Nationally Endorsed, Recognized, and Stellar U.S. Sites.

“These communities exemplify the transformative impact that home visiting can have when it comes to setting students up for success in elementary school and beyond,” said Benny Feifel, CEO at HIPPY International. “Of course, making good on the promise of home visiting isn’t always easy, but these sites are proving that the model can not only scale, but also adapt to the unique needs and dynamics of local communities.”

For more than fifty years, research has demonstrated that home-visiting programs have profound, lasting positive impacts on young children. Grounded in a belief that parents can be a child’s first and most influential teacher, home visiting is focused on fostering meaningful relationships within families to foster early childhood development and learning. Home visits provide parents with practical tools, coaching, and confidence in order to strengthen school readiness, reinforce positive parent-child interactions, and lay the groundwork for long-term educational success.

Stellar Site programs rank among the top 10% of HIPPY’s Nationally Endorsed network, setting the gold standard for school readiness and parent engagement nationwide. All nationally acknowledged sites are selected based on exceptional performance across all standards outlined by HIPPY’s Model Guidance, Requirements, and Accreditation (MGRA) Standards for Quality HIPPY Programs Manual. The MGRA and accompanying National Model Fidelity visit evaluate role play, home visits, coordinators, home visitors, and fidelity to the national standards.

To review the full press release, you can [download](#) it or visit the [HIPPY US website](#).

Designation levels and recognized sites include:

- **Nationally Endorsed** – Meets all required standards for model fidelity
 - **Jefferson County Public Schools, CO**
- **Nationally Recognized** – Demonstrates impact that exceeds fidelity requirements
 - **Amarillo Coalition of Health Services, TX**
 - **Focus Points Family Resource Center, CO**
 - **Richardson ISD, TX**
- **National Stellar Site** – Represents the top 10% of endorsed programs, delivering extraordinary quality, consistency, and results
 - **Dallas ISD, TX**



HIPPY SHINES BRIGHT!

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Program Highlight: HIPPY in Colorado Expands Services!

Meet The Staff of Boulder Housing Partners



From left to right: Eva Beltran, Claudia Perez, and John Kimenyi,

We are excited to share that HIPPY in Colorado is growing! Our HIPPY programming is expanding by adding one additional HIPPY site, extending our reach to serve even more families across the state.

Boulder Housing Partners has received funding from the State of Colorado to make this expansion possible. This new partnership reflects the commitment to ensuring families have access to high-quality home visiting and early learning supports.

Read the full press release here: [Boulder Housing Partners receives funding from Colorado](#)

HIPPY Coordinator Takes High Honors at the South Carolina Home Visiting Summit

Big congratulations to **Iris Ballen-Morant**, HIPPY Programming Assistant at South Carolina First Steps, who was honored yesterday as **Home Visiting Community Leader of the Year** at the SC **Home Visiting Summit** in September!

Since joining First Steps in 2020, Iris has served as a parent educator, mentored home visitors, and expanded the reach of HIPPY in South Carolina.



THE HIPPY HEART



2025-2026 Annual Program Year Kick-off

Thank you for joining us for the 2025-2026 Program Year Kick-Off. As you reflected in the feedback form - the event was highly engaging and inspiring. To keep the momentum going, we've put together an **Extra Resource document** that includes, resources, and links shared during the Kick-Off.

We are grateful for your commitment to the HIPPY mission & know you have an exciting year ahead as you continue to "Connect Hearts & Ignite Minds".

Corduroy's Cross Country Adventure

A HIPPY Family Literacy Project

Join **HIPPY's nationwide literacy adventure** inspired by Corduroy by Don Freeman! Families at your site will read the book, create their own traveling paper Corduroy, and exchange him with another HIPPY site.

As Corduroy travels, he'll collect stories, photos, and a travel journal to share when he returns.

Sign up with this link by **November 20th** to participate and connect your families with others across the country!

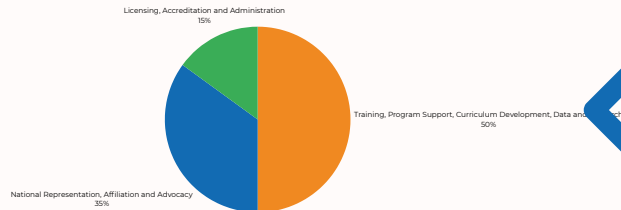
All participating sites will be invited to an overview meeting in December and the project will commence in late January or early February. Final planning is still underway. Please complete only one sign-up per site.

What will your Corduroy adventure be?



Licensure Fee Distribution

Following an examination of the 23-24 End of Year Survey, HIPPY International highlighted the role of license fees in supporting HIPPY US operations.



Click on the image to the left to view the PowerPoint presentation

Bridge Curriculum

The Bridge Curriculum is a flexible resource designed to support families whenever there is a gap for a child between curriculum age groups. It can be used after a child completes one age group of the curriculum and before beginning the next, or as a way to keep families engaged if they are recruited before the program year begins. The lessons help maintain momentum, offering parents meaningful activities that keep children learning and connected. You can find helpful resources including the **resource guide** in **the HIPPY Library**. To order, **download the order form here**.

HIPPY 3.0

HIPPY 3.0 is entering its sixth year and continues to make the curriculum easier to access, manage, and use with families. Available in English and Spanish for Little Learners, Year 1, and Year 2, HIPPY 3.0 provides families with digital access to activities, songs, and resources while reducing logistics for programs. Families can log in on a phone or other device, and coordinators benefit from built-in reports and multi-language options. To get started, programs can submit an order form through email to **Hippy@ssww.com** using **this ordering form**. Training videos for coordinators, home visitors, and families are available in the **HIPPY library** on the curriculum page. For additional questions or to request more information, place a request through our **request for support and feedback form**.

New! One Visit at a Time Insert & Training

Carla Mowell, National Training Director

This year we are launching a newsletter insert, One Visit at a Time, for HIPPY home visitors. Each issue will provide words of inspiration, reflection and strategies to support home visitors as they engage with families. Coordinators are provided with a brief, ready to use training activity which will move the handout from “nice reading” into actual skill-building, discussion, and application. The first issue is Listening with Heart, about the power of communication. Each issue of the insert also comes with ready to go training materials and instructions here in the newsletter, starting below.



LET'S TALK:

- Which listening strategies do you want to try?
- Which tip resonated with you? Which surprised you?
- Which of the check in questions made you curious to explore more?

Give each home visitor a copy of One Home Visit at a Time (digital or hard copy). Depending on how much time you want to spend on this topic you can keep it as simple as giving them the insert and asking them one or two of the **LET'S TALK** discussion questions (10 minutes). Or you can open with a question, add one or two of the **THREE MORE** ideas (10 mins), and the **TRY THIS** activity (20 minutes). Any materials needed for the activity are underlined.

TRY THIS: Active Listening Partner Practice

Pair up with a coworker. One person shares a story from their workday while the other listens without interrupting for 3-5 minutes. The listener then reflects back what they heard and shares what they noticed about their own listening habits. Then switch roles. This quick activity helps build self-awareness and strengthens listening skills you can bring to every home visit.

THREE MORE ideas of how to use today's insert with your team:

- 1. Quote Warm-Up** - Share just the article's quote at the start of training and ask home visitors to connect it to their week's work before revealing the full article.
- 2. Silent Read & Highlight** - Give everyone a printed copy, have them underline one sentence that resonates and one they have questions about, then share in pairs.
- 3. Mini-Role Play** - After reading, role-play how the tip could look in a real home visit (e.g., one person as the home visitor, one as the parent).



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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If you're looking to increase your skills and knowledge, professional development opportunities are a great way to grow and stay current in your field.

Home Visitor Self-Paced Learning

Home Visitor Modules are available online year-round and can be completed at your own pace. These courses cover key topics including the HIPPY model, curriculum, recruiting, and group meetings, and are designed to fit the schedules of busy home visitors. Modules are available individually for **\$35 each** or as a **bundle** of four for **\$120** per participant. **Registration** is open at any time.



Caregivers Info Session

On **October 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (MST)**, we will be Introducing the HIPPY for Childcare Providers curriculum.

This model is designed specifically for providers working with mixed-age groups and offers a 42-week program that supports children's learning and development across all domains.

Join this Free Session!

Supervisor Preservice

Supervisor Preservice is available year-round as a fully online, self-paced training for supervisors of coordinators. This program provides strategies and guidance to help supervisors effectively support coordinators in their role. Interested participants can **view a course overview with this link**. The fee is **\$275** per participant. **Registration** is open at any time.

Coordinator Preservice - Little Rock

Registration is now open for the next **Coordinator Preservice in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 27-30, 2025**. This training includes a required online, **self-paced** component (**5-8 hours**) to be completed before attending four days of in-person sessions.

Interested participants can **view a course overview with this link**.

The fee is **\$875** per participant (training only; travel and lodging not included). **Registration** closes **October 6** and space is **limited to 25 attendees**.

25-26 HUS Webinars

HIPPY US is offering a new series of free webinars during the 2025-2026 program year, open to all staff. Each session is designed to provide practical support and build shared learning across the network. See below for dates and names.

October 22, 2025 - Home Visit Support

January 21, 2026 - Group Meetings

March 18, 2026 - Home Visits

Register for Reminders



Through advocacy, we bring awareness to important issues and help create lasting impact for families and communities.

What's a CR Anyway?

Annually, Congress is required to pass appropriations bills to fund the federal government. Both the House and Senate have Appropriations Committees divided into 12 subcommittees tasked with allocating funds to designated federal agencies.

Subcommittees draft bills and debate amendments before voting to pass their legislation to the full Appropriations Committee for further deliberation. From there, Senate bills can advance directly to the full chamber, while House bills must first pass the Rules Committee.

Oftentimes, the House and Senate end up passing bills that do not match one another. In that situation, the House and Senate convene a “conference committee” to reach a compromise on a final bill that can pass both chambers and head to the president’s desk. When agreement on a budget cannot be reached, lawmakers will use CRs to avoid shutdowns by allowing agencies to operate at existing funding levels when Congress hasn’t passed an appropriations bill for the upcoming year.

Federal Government Shutdown Looms

The government’s current fiscal year ends on September 30, and Congress has not reached a deal for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26), which is needed to keep the government open. While the House passed a continuing resolution (CR) earlier this month, the measure failed in the Senate. Used to buy time for negotiations, CRs often require budget adjustments that become flashpoints over policy disputes. This CR is stalled in the Senate over disagreements on healthcare, executive power, and budget priorities.

The House CR would extend FY25 funding through November 21. However, amid Democratic opposition and fractured Republican support in the Senate, prospects for timely passage are slim, making a government shutdown highly likely. This means hundreds of thousands of federal employees will be furloughed and many public services will see disruptions. However, programs like Social Security, Medicaid, and MIECHV are safe, and recipients will not have their benefits stopped. Further causing angst, are threats made by the Administration to not furlough certain federal workers as is historically the case, but go a step further and fully lay them off.

During a shutdown, it is Congress’s job to come to a funding agreement to re-open the government. In the past when the government has shut down, they have lasted as short as a few hours all the way to the longest shutdown in history which lasted for 35 days during the last Trump administration. This update was written on September 26 and may be outdated when you read it.

New HRSA Resource

HIPPY is part of the Model Alliance, (models aimed at enhancing the well-being of young children and their families). Earlier this year, we convened with HRSA to discuss how MIECHV aligns with the current administration’s initiatives for families and children.

[Here](#), you will find a resource that illustrates this alignment.

Exciting **New Swag** in the HIPPY Store!



You asked about conference swag, and we're bringing it to you! Our latest collection of HIPPY merchandise has arrived, featuring items hand-picked by members of the HUS team:

Apron hand picked
by **Terri Meehan**



Shoes hand picked
by **Nikki Martin-Bynum**



Yard Flag hand picked
by **Carla Mowell**



Dress hand picked
by **Shaqula Parks**



These special items are available for a limited time, so don't wait—**order** yours today and show your **HIPPY pride!**

SWAG



NASD-CORP Fall Cohort Progress

After being highly requested by the field, the **NASD-CORP Fall Cohort** has officially launched! This is the **first 2-3 cohorts (based on participation)** that will be offered during the 2025-2026 Program Year.

The session launched with **45 registrants** representing **7 states** (Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Texas, and Virginia) and **3 countries** (Paraguay, New Zealand, and Chile). Week 1 welcomed over **35 participants**, both through **self-paced learning** and the **live Teams session**—showing that the anticipation has truly paid off with strong engagement and **positive momentum**.

If you are interested in participating in the next cohort, please **reach out to your State Leader** to be **added to the waitlist**.

Happy learning to all participants!

Don't Forget

RESOURCECES AND MORE AVAILABLE FOR YOU

- **Connect** with Nikki, if you'd like to talk
- **Download** S&S Updates on **HIPPY Materials and Ordering Process**
- **Download** this song to share with families
- **Download** the Press Release to see who's Endorsed
- **Tell us your thoughts**, ask questions, request support, or tell us Why do you HIPPY?!
- **Learn** more about Boulder Hose Housing Partners in Colorado
- **Review** Extra Resources from the 2025 HUS Kickoff
- **Download** the "One Visit at a Time" insert and share it with Home Visitors.
- **Review** new **HRSA resource**

- **Sign up** for **Corduroy's Cross Country Adventure**
- **Watch** the **Licensure Fee Distribution** presentation: Understand your fees.
- **Order** the **Bridge Curriculum** to help support families during curriculum age group gaps.
- **Order** **HIPPY 3.0** and make curriculum more accessible, manageable, and family friendly.
- **Learn more** about how to participate in HIPPY's **Professional Development** courses.
- **Connect** with Suzi for advocacy information.
- **Visit** the HIPPY Store and **order** your swag!
- **Participant** in the **Caregiver Info Session** on **October 20, 2025**.
- **Reach out** to your **State Lead** to be added to the **NASD-CORP** waitlist.

Let's continue to
Connect and **Ignite**
the **Hearts** and **Minds**
of the families we
serve!

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If you would like support, have feedback or want to ask a questions go [here](#) to connect with a HIPPY US team member today!