

HIPPY US OCTOBER



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IN MEMORY OF LIZETTE DELAROSA - HIPPY US 2025 HOME VISITOR OF THE YEAR

Hillsborough HIPPY Team Shared,

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our dear colleague and friend, Lizette DelaRosa, on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Lizette was a cherished and respected member of the Hillsborough HIPPY team since 2007, serving as a devoted home visitor who made a lasting impact on the families she supported. Her unwavering commitment, kindness, and compassion defined her work and touched the lives of everyone she met. In recognition of her exceptional service and dedication, Lizette was honored nationally as the Home Visitor of the Year during the HIPPY US 2025 National Conference in April 2025—a testament to her excellence, empathy, and deep care for her community. Lizette's warmth, professionalism, and genuine heart will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.



May her memory continue to inspire us in our shared mission to uplift families and strengthen communities.

New Library Subpage for Curriculum Updates

We're excited to announce a [new HIPPY US library subpage](#) dedicated to tracking curriculum updates, known errors, and solutions. This page makes it easy for programs to stay informed about corrections and revisions across all age groups (Little Learners, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3) in English and Spanish.

- It also provides clear [guidance on using the Curriculum Feedback Forms](#) to report errors, suggest corrections and revisions, and help us maintain the accuracy and effectiveness of our curriculum. Check out the page regularly to stay up to date and support consistent, high-quality implementation across all HIPPY programs. You can access the page from the navigation sidebar on any page of the HIPPY library.

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!

Curriculum Updates: Pull Pages



On **September 19, 2025**, HIPPY US was notified that the current list of pull pages had become inaccurate due to recent curriculum updates. We are actively updating all pull page lists to ensure they reflect the latest materials, and the revised versions will be available in the library no later than November 3, 2025. The pull page lists for the new English packets for [Year 1](#) and [Year 2](#) (Weeks 1-30) have already been updated and refreshed in the library. The pull page lists for the new Spanish packets are currently under revision and will be available soon. We appreciate your patience as we work to ensure all resources are accurate and up to date.



HIPPY FOR CHILDCARE PROVIDERS INFO SESSION

HIPPY for Childcare Providers Webinar: Recording and Slides Now Available!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the HIPPY for Childcare Providers Info Session on October 20, 2025! During this session, we introduced the HIPPY for Childcare Providers curriculum, a model designed specifically for providers working with mixed-age groups. This 42-week program supports children's learning and development across all domains.

If you missed the live session or would like to review the materials, both the recording and presentation slides are now available in the HIPPY Library and can be accessed with the following links:

- [Slides](#)
- [Recording](#)



OCTOBER 22, 2025 HUS WEBINAR: HOME VISITOR SUPPORT - SUPPORTING THE SUPPORTERS:

Post-Webinar **Resource Guide**

If you **missed the October HUS webinar, Supporting the Supporters**, you can now catch the **recording** and download the **slides!** This **90-minute session** explores how coordinators can strengthen communication, recognize team strengths, promote wellness, and apply simple improvement strategies that make a big impact. Take a moment to **revisit these tools and the recording with this resource guide link** and **reflect** on one small action you can take this week to **support your team**.



INCREASE HOME VISITING PRACTITIONER INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH

- The Home Visiting Applied Research Collaborative (HARC) is launching a mentoring program to increase home visiting practitioner involvement in research. Through this program, HARC will mentor a cohort of 4-6 home visiting practitioners (including direct service providers, supervisors and administrators) who have an interest and investment in home visiting research.
- Applications are due on November 3rd, 2025. The program will run from January 2026 to December 2026.
- **HOME VISITING RESEARCH DISCOVERY PROGRAM - HARC**

As HIPPy US continues to receive the latest updates on government policies and changes, we make it a priority to share this information with you, the field. We recently received important updates from our partners at Start Early. If you or someone you know is connected to the early childhood field, please feel free to read and share the information below.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN RESOURCES FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD FIELD

With federal funding still uncertain, early childhood programs continue to face questions about the potential impact of the government shutdown. To help leaders and advocates stay informed, Start Early has gathered key resources and insights from our recent expert discussions.

Explore Resources:

Catch up on both of our recent webinars exploring how a government shutdown could affect Head Start, Early Head Start and other early learning programs:

- **Government Shutdown: What You Need to Know** - We discussed the latest updates on the federal government shutdown, outlined possible impacts for Head Start programs and provided space to address your most pressing questions.
- **Government Shutdown: Q&A** - National experts answered questions directly from the Head Start community and shared strategies to navigate uncertainty.
- **Watch Recordings**

To stay prepared and connected as the situation evolves, **check out Start Early's Together for Head Start resources, tools and updates.**

Please reach out to **Advocacy@StartEarly.org** with questions.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Off-Cycle 1 October 2025



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.



Coordinator Preservice

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The self-paced component of Coordinator Preservice is now open for registration year-round.

This flexible, 5-8 hour online training allows coordinators to begin their learning journey at any time while preparing for the next in-person session. We will share details and open registration for the next in-person training in the near future.

Interested participants can [register for the LMS portion with this link.](#)

The fee for the LMS is **\$300** per participant, which covers only the self-paced component.

The in-person component will be separately billed.

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.

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.



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.

January 21, 2026 - Group Meetings

March 18, 2026 - Home Visits

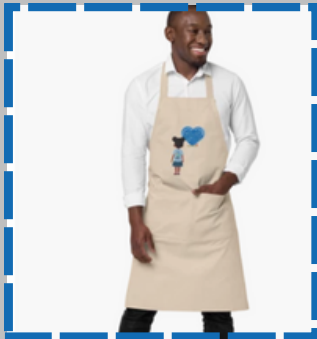
[Register](#) for Reminders



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:

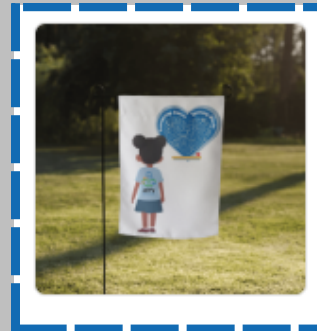
Apron hand picked
by **Terri Meehan**



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** ours today and show your **HIPPy pride!**



NASD-CORP Fall Cohort Progress

The **Fall Cohort** has shown **strong engagement** across both asynchronous and live activities.

Participation in **self-paced modules** started high, with 41 participants in Weeks 2-3, gradually decreasing to 22 by Week 6. The second live Teams session has been rescheduled for November 3, 2025.

Module engagement has been **good (rated 4/5)**, with active discussions: **Overview of Autism**, **Communication Issues and Strategies**, **Addressing Challenging Behavior**, and **Sensory Issues and Strategies** all being among high interest topics.

“Let’s Chat” discussions have received **positive feedback**, though time constraints and the volume of content in Modules 2-6 have been challenging for some.

Reach out to your State Lead to be added to the NASD-CORP waitlist.



National Autism Spectrum Disorder and Community of Research and Practice (**NASD-CORP**)



This project provides ongoing expert support to a cadre of Home Visitors/Parent Educators across the US who are prepared to deliver HIPPY to families with children who have autism and/or are developmentally delayed.

NASD-CORP has two parts

- **The online course** is asynchronous, and self-paced – participants can choose when to engage with content but must complete each week’s assigned topic within one week.

The CORP is an ongoing support group of experts and field agents who discuss specific challenges and strategies while developing expertise in serving the population of interest



About the Cohorts

Spring semester

- 3 LiveZoom Sessions
 - January 11, 2026 - Session 1
 - Kickoff - Welcome and introductions
 - Course and CORP explanation
 - Module instructions and demo
 - Expectations for weekly discussion participation
 - Email module process cheat sheet
 - Q & A
 - TBA - Session 2
 - TBA - Session 3
- Module 1 will be opened on January 12, 2026.
- The 8 modules will be completed on March 8, 2026.
- CORP will begin March 9, 2026 and close May 3, 2026.
- Registration will be available by payment only
- Registration cost and payment link will be provided at a later date.



Summer semester:

- 3 LiveZoom Sessions
 - May 17, 2026 - Session 1
 - Kickoff - Welcome and introductions
 - Course and CORP explanation
 - Module instructions and demo
 - Expectations for weekly discussion participation
 - Email module process cheat sheet
 - Q & A
 - TBA - Session 2
 - TBA - Session 3
- Module 1 will be opened on May 18, 2026.
- The 8 modules will be completed on July 12, 2026.
- CORP will begin July 13 and close August 30, 2026.
- Registration will be available by payment only
- Registration cost and payment link will be provided at a later date.



Note: There are three supplemental books that will be sold as a single unit for **\$126.00** and are required for participation in the course. The HIPPY Curriculum Supplement Books can be ordered from S&SWW using [this](#) order form. Reach out to your State Leader or Indie Director if you would like to participate in the next cohort.

If you have questions, feel free to contact [HIPPY US](#)

Reach out to your State Lead to be added to the NASD-CORP waitlist.

AUTISM



Don't Forget

RESOURCES AND MORE AVAILABLE FOR YOU

- Take a moment of silence for **Lizette DelaRosa** – HIPPY US 2025 Home Visitor of the Year
- Visit the [New HIPPY US library subpage](#)
- Review the [Guidance on using the Curriculum Feedback Forms](#)
- Review the updated pull pages for
 - [Year 1](#)
 - [Year 2](#)
- Missed the HIPPY for Childcare Providers Info Session ? Review the [Slides](#) and [Recording](#) to see what you missed
- Missed the October 22, 2025 HUS Webinar: Home Visitor Support – Supporting the Supporter ? Review the [resource guide](#) to catch up.

- Check out additional details of [HOME VISITING RESEARCH DISCOVERY PROGRAM – HARC](#)
- Check out [Start Early's Together for Head Start resources, tools and updates.](#)
- Learn more about how to **participate** in [HIPPY's Professional Development](#) courses
- Visit the [HIPPY Store](#) and [order](#) your swag!
- Reach out to your **State Lead** to be added to the **NASD-CORP** waitlist.
- 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.
- Connect with [Suzi](#) for advocacy information.

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

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If you would like to pay by check for **HIPPY US related products and services**, remit checks to:

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2727 Palisade Ave, Suite 6J
Bronx, NY 10463



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If you or someone you know would like to be added to the list of newsletter recipients click [this](#) link to complete a request.

Library

For additional resources, visit the [HIPPY library](#).
Library Password:
Connecting

Request for Support

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