Newsletter

HIPPY US OCTOBER

NAVIGATING THE PATH TO SCHOOL AND BEYOND

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NOMINATE A HIPPY HOME VISITOR FOR NATIONAL RECOGNITION!

Nominations are now open for the 2027 National Home Visitor of the Year! The **Institute for the Advancement of Family Support Professionals** is seeking nominations for outstanding home visitors who make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families.

We know exceptional home visitors are making an impact across the HIPPY network every day. Coordinators and supervisors are encouraged to nominate a HIPPY home visitor for this national recognition. **Submit a 2027 National Home Visitor of the Year nomination**.

If you nominate a HIPPY home visitor, please let HIPPY US know by emailing **info@hippyus.org** with the nominee's name and program name. We would like to celebrate and recognize HIPPY home visitors who are nominated in addition to the recognition provided through the Institute.

2025-2026 END OF YEAR SURVEY RESULTS

Some of you took the time to complete the 2025-2026 End of Year Survey and shared your thoughts with HIPPY US.

You can review the results as a whole and better understand if or how HIPPY US is responding. As you explore the findings, consider how these insights reflect the experiences of your program and where new opportunities may emerge. Use the sections below to navigate the results and discover the key takeaways most relevant to your work.

Click **here** or the page below to access the complete summary. you may also **review the comparison** of the the last 2 years.

Integrating 2025-2026 End-of-Year Feedback into HIPPY US

Every year, HIPPY US solicits input from the HIPPY field to hear what we got right and where we can improve. Every comment is reviewed and categorized to help us identify patterns, priorities, and opportunities for improvement. This document highlights what we heard from you and how your feedback is informing our work.

We encourage you to read through the entire document; however, you have the option to click on the topics below to go directly to that section:

1. Proudest Moment
2. Most Challenging Moment
3. Do you feel valued by HIPPY US?
4. Support and Communication
5. Partnerships
6. HIPPY 3.0
7. Webinars
8. What You'd Like to See Done Differently

Breaking News

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CURRICULUM FEE INCREASE

Dear HIPPY Community:

We are writing to share the reasoning behind an upcoming 5% price adjustment to all HIPPY materials that is effective July 1, 2027, along with key points you can use in conversations with programs and funding partners.

Why the adjustment
HIPPY materials prices have not changed since 2022. Over that time, the costs of paper, printing, packaging, labor, and fulfillment have continued to climb. Although these cumulative increases have greatly exceeded 5%, we have intentionally capped the adjustment at 5% to limit the impact on program budgets. This change covers only part of our increased costs and reflects our commitment to keeping HIPPY materials affordable.

Download the official letter for complete details

🎉 CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIPPY SPIRIT WINNER! 🎉

Thank you to everyone who shared their conference memories and showed HIPPY pride at the 2026 PAT Conference!

Congratulations to **Janie Rojas**, our HIPPY Spirit winner for submitting the most conference photos!








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HIPPY SWAG FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The HIPPY Swag Store is open for the holidays!

Shop meaningful gifts, thank HIPPY staff and families, and show your HIPPY pride.

Shop and share the HIPPY spirit—available only through December 31, 2026!







DR. AVIMA LOMBARD AWARD WINNERS

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MICHAEL HICKS: HIPPY COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Whitney Kirk of Boston Mountain Educational Cooperative HIPPY and Michael Hicks of Dallas HIPPY on receiving this well-deserved recognition!

The Dr. Avima D. Lombard Award honors HIPPY professionals whose dedication, leadership, and contributions make a meaningful difference in the lives of young children and their families. Whitney and Michael exemplify the heart of HIPPY through their compassion, commitment to excellence, and unwavering support of the families and communities they serve.

Whitney, a former HIPPY parent turned Home Visitor, has spent four years building trusting relationships, encouraging parent engagement, and connecting families with valuable resources. Michael, with 13 years of dedicated service, is known as “the calm in the storm.” His leadership has strengthened father engagement, expanded community partnerships, and helped Dallas HIPPY increase African American family enrollment from 8% to 25% over the past three years.



WHITNEY KIRK: HIPPY HOME VISITOR OF THE YEAR

Their recognition reflects a thoughtful, peer-nominated selection process. Nominations were reviewed by a multi-state Award Committee representing HIPPY state offices and independent HIPPY sites. To support an impartial review, nominations were presented through a deidentified process, allowing committee members to evaluate nominees' contributions and achievements without identifying information.

We proudly celebrate Whitney and Michael for their exceptional service, humble leadership, and lasting impact. Their accomplishments represent the dedication and commitment that strengthen HIPPY programs and improve the lives of families across our communities.

Congratulations, Whitney and Michael, on this outstanding honor!

HIPPY AT THE 2026 PAT CONFERENCE

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....HIGHLIGHTS OF HIPPY AT THE PAT CONFERENCE

A big thanks to those who joined in person and online. Reminder: participants can still access content through the PAT app. HIPPY US will update you when we know more about the next conference.









































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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**.

PHOTO SUBMISSION REQUEST

Share Your Beginning of the Year Moments!

It's never too early to start capturing those special moments! We're looking for photos from the start of the year, especially of families and children working on packets 1 through 10, parent orientation events, and recruiting activities, to feature in next year's Kick-Off Slide Show. Share the energy, excitement, and connections that make your program shine! Photos can be **submitted easily using this link.**

VENDOR SETUP REQUEST

HIPPY US Vendor Setup Information

Organizations requesting to establish HIPPY US (HUS) as a vendor can now access our **HIPPY US Vendor Information document** for guidance on the vendor setup process, applicable purchases, and required documentation.

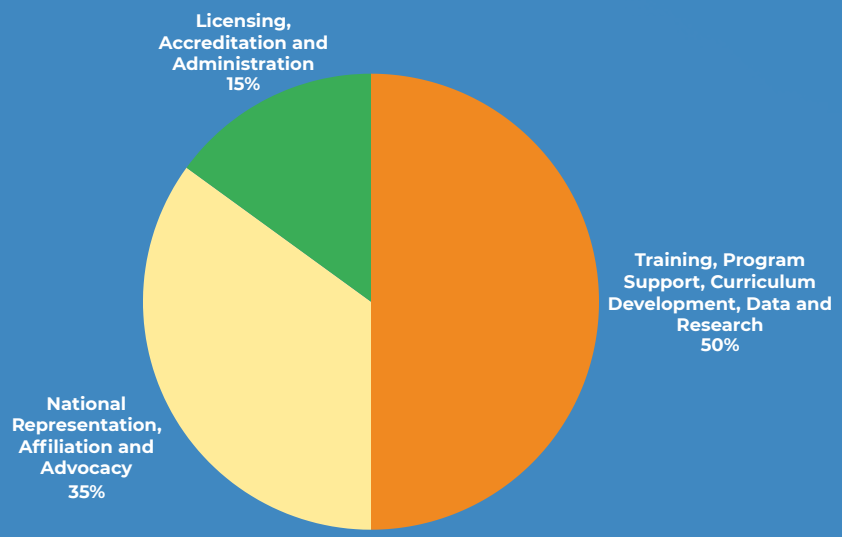
Be sure to review the document before submitting a vendor setup request to ensure you are following the appropriate process.

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**.

ANNUAL FEE - Distribution Presentation

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 above to view the PowerPoint presentation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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HIPPY MODEL ONBOARDING: COORDINATOR'S EDITION

Just in case you missed it!

HIPPY Model Onboarding: Coordinator Edition (formerly called preservice) is now available!

This training equips new HIPPY coordinators and assistant coordinators with the tools they need to successfully implement the HIPPY model and support home visitors. You can **learn more** here.

The Supervisor and Home Visitor Editions are still in development, with an expected release later this fall,. We'll share an update as soon as they're ready.

Thank you for your patience as we work to deliver a high-quality onboarding experience for all HIPPY roles.

NATIONAL AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER COMMUNITY OF RESEARCH AND PRACTICE (NASD-CORP)

NASD-CORP: Two Cohorts, One Program Year!

Missed the fall NASD-CORP cohort? No worries! HIPPY US will be offering two NASD-CORP cohorts during the 2026–2027 program year, giving you another opportunity to participate.

Review the **NASD-CORP flyer** for more information!

HIPPY US WEBINAR SCHEDULE

This year's HIPPY US Webinar Series focuses on three topics identified through our annual survey and feedback from last year's webinars: Trauma-Informed Practice in November, Strengthening Resource and Referral Practices in February, and Parent and Child Assessments During Home Visits in April.

Each webinar will introduce the topic and share practical information and strategies you can bring back to your work. We've also paired each webinar with an Indie Connect, giving Independent Sites an opportunity to explore HIPPY-specific situations, share experiences, and learn from one another. Indie Connect recordings will be added to the HIPPY US Library so all programs can benefit from the discussion.

Don't miss an opportunity to join us! **Sign up for automated reminders for HIPPY US professional development opportunities** throughout the year. You can also view the HIPPY US Webinar Schedule and other professional development opportunities on **our public Google Calendar**. Add the calendar to your own Google Calendar to keep upcoming HIPPY US learning opportunities easy to find throughout the year.



FUTURE COURSES

HIPPY US is working diligently to update existing professional development courses and expand learning opportunities for the field. Our goal is to provide relevant, accessible, and engaging resources that strengthen staff knowledge, support program success, and enhance services to the families we serve. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to make these opportunities available! The following are coming soon:

- HIPPY Model Onboarding: Home Visitor Edition
- HIPPY Model Onboarding: Supervisor Edition

Don't Forget

- **Nominate** a HIPPY Home Visitor for **Home Visitor of the Year**
- **Review** the **End of Year Survey Results**
- **Congratulate** Janie Rojas, our HIPPY Spirit winner
- **Order** your **HIPPY Swag** for the Holidays
- **Review** the officical **Curriculum Fees** increase letter: **July 2027**
- Be on the lookout for information regarding the next **HIPPY conference**
- **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 HIPPY US **vendor setup**
- **Learn more** HIPPY **Licensure Fee Distribution**
- **Learn more** about how to participate in HIPPY's **Professional Development** courses.
- **Learn more and register** for the **National Autism Specturm Disorder** and Community of Research and Practice course
- **Sign up** for HIPPY US **webinars** and reminders
- **Connect** with Suzi for advocacy information.
- **Review** the Advocacy Toolkit
- **Reach out** to **S&S to be apart of your event**

Share photos and videos of how you "Navigate the Path to School and Beyond"

Paying by Check

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

HIPPY US
2727 Palisade Ave, Suite 6J
Bronx, NY 10463

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Newsletter Request

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**
Reach out to your **State Leader** for the password

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!