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HIPPY US Bridge Curriculum Information

Greetings All:

We are thrilled to introduce The HIPPY Bridge Curriculum, designed to bridge the gap between curriculum years and provide continuity over the summer months and other times of the year. For more information regarding the bridge curriculum, please view [this recording](#) and review the anticipated questions below. You can also view a copy of the slides from the presentation with [this link](#).

In addition, we want to extend our deepest appreciation to the members of the Bridge Curriculum committee who helped to develop this new content for HIPPY programs across the United States. Without their commitment and support, this project would not have been possible. Juanita Puga was the project manager for the project. Johanna Betancourt and Carmen Paiva provided translation services. Three state leads, Lidia Clarke (FL), Jani Johnson (AL), and Adriana Trevino (TX) served on the advisory committee and were instrumental in the creation of the bridge curriculum.

For additional assistance please contact Terri Meehan at (702) 508-8149 or Terri.Meehan@hippyus.org. You can also submit questions by using [this form](#) for a faster response.

Thank you.

HIPPY US and HIPPY International

Anticipated Questions:

1. What is included in the bridge curriculum packet?
 - a. 3 book sets are available for both 2-3 and 3-4 year-old transitional phases. Each bundled set includes 1 book, 4 activities, and a project.
2. How is the bridge curriculum structured?
 - a. The bridge curriculum utilizes the same research-based methods that are utilized in the core HIPPY curriculum and is designed to be delivered via role-play in-home visits or group meetings. The packets are non-sequential and can be completed in any order.

3. Is the bridge curriculum aligned with educational standards?
 - a. Yes, the bridge curriculum is designed to align with relevant educational standards to ensure that it supports children's learning including language, literacy, math, science, motor, and social-emotional domains.

4. What age group is the bridge curriculum designed for?
 - a. The curriculum is designed for children between both 2-3 and 3-4 year-old transitional phases

5. How much does the bridge curriculum packet cost?
 - a. Pricing for the bridge curriculum packet will be between \$34 per bundle

6. How can sites purchase the bridge curriculum packet?
 - a. The curriculum can be purchased from S&S Worldwide:
www.ssw.com
 - b. The first day the curriculum will be available for purchase is May 30, 2024
 - c. Sites can expect a 2-week delivery timeframe. For example, orders will be delivered by June 15, 2024, if purchased by May 30, 2024
 - d. The W-9 information for S&S Worldwide will be added to the HIPPY library as soon as possible so that states can set up vendors in their system

7. Are there any ongoing support services available to sites using the bridge curriculum?
 - a. Yes, HIPPY US offers ongoing support services to sites implementing the bridge curriculum, including access to training resources and technical assistance from our team.

8. Will training be provided on how to use the packets?
 - a. Yes, HIPPY US will offer a training webinar for those who purchase the curriculum. More details regarding training dates will be provided to those who purchase the curriculum within a few weeks.

9. Can sites provide feedback on the bridge curriculum?
 - a. Absolutely! Feedback from sites is highly valued and helps us continually improve and refine our curriculum materials. Sites are encouraged to share their experiences, suggestions, and any challenges they encounter with our team. Feedback and questions can be submitted [with this link](#).

10. Are there any assessment tools included with the bridge curriculum packet?
 - a. There will not be a formal assessment this summer. We will send a formative assessment survey at the end to sites that implement the bridge curriculum and parents to learn how the curriculum was received and what improvements we can make.

11. Are there bilingual or multilingual options available for the bridge curriculum materials?
 - a. Yes, HIPPY US recognizes the importance of supporting diverse communities and will offer the curriculum in both English and Spanish.

12. Can the bridge curriculum be integrated with existing HIPPY program activities?
 - a. Yes, the bridge curriculum is designed to complement and enhance existing HIPPY program activities. Sites have the flexibility to incorporate bridge curriculum materials into their ongoing programming to create a seamless learning experience for children and families.

13. What is the timeline for implementing the bridge curriculum?
 - a. This curriculum is intended to bridge one curriculum year to another year. If you need specific guidance on when you should start and stop, please contact your State Leader (if applicable) as they will have a better understanding of your program year.

14. Will the bridge curriculum be available on HIPPY 3.0?
 - a. Not this year.

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15. Can it only be used in the summer?
 - a. This curriculum is intended to bridge one curriculum year to another. Use it at the time that it best supports bridging curriculum years. Due to funding cycles, you should confirm your plan with your State Leader (If applicable) to ensure it aligns with your licensing agreement expectations.

16. Can new families start with the bridge curriculum?
 - a. Follow up with your state office (if applicable) to ensure that this aligns with the rollout in your state. Beware of general blindspots as this program is not as robust. When working with families, home visitors should explain the differences between the traditional core curriculum and the bridge curriculum.

17. Can families complete these packets if they have not finished the packets for the year?
 - a. This curriculum is intended to bridge one curriculum year to another year. Currently, we define completion as 26 weeks though the ideal is that a family will have completed all 30 weeks of the core curriculum.

18. Can these be used for accreditation visits?
 - a. Our accreditation process is focused on the core curriculum. This is a bridge curriculum designed to bridge one curriculum year to another.

19. Will there be physical demo kits available?
 - a. Not at this time.

20. Will HIPPY International want this data for the annual report?
 - a. HI will not request information this year regarding the bridge curriculum for this year's annual report. States offices may create something based on the needs of their funders. This year the focus is qualitative. There will be a survey made available for feedback in September.