



## Home-Visit Programs in Colorado and Texas Receive Top Honors from National Nonprofit for Advancing Early Childhood Education

*By empowering 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 21, 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 (MGR) Standards for Quality HIPPY Programs Manual. The MGR and accompanying National Model Fidelity visit evaluate role play, home visits, coordinators, home visitors, and fidelity to the national standards. Designation levels and recognized sites include:

**Nationally Endorsed** – Meets all required standards for model fidelity

- Jefferson County Public Schools, Colorado

**Nationally Recognized** – Demonstrates impact that exceeds fidelity requirements

- [Amarillo Coalition of Health Services](#), Texas
- [Focus Points Family Resource Center](#), Colorado
- Richardson ISD, TX

**National Stellar Site** – Represents the top 10% of endorsed programs, delivering extraordinary quality, consistency, and results

- [Dallas ISD](#), Texas

HIPPY currently reaches more than 12,000 families in 20 states and the District of Columbia through a 30-week curriculum designed to support early learning at home. Trained peer home visitors – often former HIPPY parents – use role-play to model literacy, numeracy, and developmental activities that parents can implement with their children. Delivered in the family’s home language and tailored to each child’s developmental stage, the program has been shown to improve school readiness, strengthen early math skills, and increase on-time grade promotion. Parents who participate in the program have also reported feeling more confident, less stressed, and more engaged in their child’s education.

Yvette Gonzalez, Director of Dallas HIPPY and Community Engagement, shared that “the Dallas HIPPY Team was excited to participate in the HIPPY US endorsement process during the 2024-2025 school year. Dallas HIPPY has always valued program fidelity and has consistently provided Dallas ISD families with quality home instruction. Earning the "Stellar" status and receiving this formal recognition is more than an achievement; it reflects the collective passion, preparation, and purposeful planning our team brings to every home visit, training, parent meeting, and event. Such excellence is only possible through well-designed systems and a team that works with purpose, care, and precision. When staff are deeply connected to the mission, the passion naturally transfers to families, empowering parents with the confidence, tools, and support to be their child's first and most important teacher. Our Dallas HIPPY "Stellar" status is a celebration of a team that has roots in Dallas since 1988, thanks to the National Council of Jewish Women and Dallas ISD. Dallas HIPPY and the community celebrate this recognition as we continue to build brighter futures for preschool children and their families. As we kick off the 2025-2026 school year, we will use our "Stellar" designation as a motivation to continue building relationships with families to have a stellar school year.”

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