

**25-26 HUS**

**Kick-Off**

**RESOURCES**



## Highlights

To keep the momentum going, we've gathered key resources from the Kick-Off for you to revisit and share with your team.

Highlights from the Kick-Off include the HIPPY US [24–25 Year in Review Video](#), the [25–26 Program Year Kick-Off Recording](#), and a copy of the [25–26 Kick-Off Slides](#). These resources provide a look back at our shared successes, capture the energy and inspiration from the live event, and give you access to all of the information and updates presented.

## 25-26 HUS Webinars

- **October 22, 2025: Home Visitor Support**
- **January 21, 2026: Group Meetings**
- **March 18, 2026: Home Visits**
- **All sessions are at 12 PM PT | 1pm MT | 2pm CT | 3pm ET**

## FEATURED SPEAKER: TALETHIA EDWARDS “THE POWER OF PRESENCE”



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Talethia is a community leader, speaker, and advocate who works hard to make life better for families in Florida. She is the Executive Director of Good News Outreach, where she helps people with food, housing, and second chances after prison. Talethia has led big projects, including helping bring millions of dollars in support to her neighborhood. She also works as a doula, helping moms and babies, and runs programs that promote reading and learning for kids. Talethia believes strong communities are built when we lift up both people and places. Most of all, she is a proud wife and mother of eight who is passionate about justice, fairness, and creating positive change.



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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

A HIPPY Family Literacy Project

### Corduroy's Cross-Country Adventure



Corduroy's Cross-Country Adventure invites HIPPY families to connect through a fun, literacy-based project using the beloved book Corduroy. Families will read the story together, create their own paper bear, and write a letter for Corduroy's journey. Each participating site will exchange bears and letters, sending them off to be hosted by another HIPPY family for a week. During his visit, Corduroy will share in reading, HIPPY activities, family meals, and will have his experiences documented in a travel journal provided. After the week, Corduroy and the bears will return home to their families, bringing with them stories of their adventures. More information will be shared soon, but you can learn more now through the [Informational Flier](#) and sign up using the [Corduroy's Cross-Country Adventure Form](#).

### Early Childhood, Public Media, and You

Mary Haggerty, GBH Kids [Email](#) | [Learn more here](#)

GBH Kids offers opportunities to connect families with high-quality early childhood media. Educators and parents can explore websites and apps such as [Peep and the Big Wide World](#), [El Mundo Divertido de PEEP](#), and [PBS Kids Wombats](#). To deepen learning, Mary also invited participants to join the free webinar, Jazzed Up Learning with Acoustic Rooster, on **September 10** at 7 PM ET.

### NASD-CORP Training (Autism Support)

Dr. Karen Berkman, University of South Florida, [Email](#) | [Learn more here](#)

The National ASD Community of Research and Practice at the University of South Florida has developed an online course with practical application sessions specifically for HIPPY Home Visitors. Built on more than a decade of work with HIPPY staff and families impacted by autism, the course provides training and ongoing technical assistance to equip home visitors with the skills children with autism need to succeed in school. With 1 in 31 children diagnosed today, early intervention is vital, and the HIPPY curriculum offers the structured approach families need. The first class is full, but registration is open for the next semester beginning January 12, 2026.



National Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Community of Research & Practice

### HIPPY for ChildCare Providers

Juanita Puga [Email](#)

Curriculum is a 42-week program designed for mixed-age child care settings, available in English and Spanish. It blends evidence-based lessons into daily routines, supports at-home family activities, and provides providers with developmental tools, coaching strategies, and ongoing peer support. Visits are flexible—weekly or biweekly—and led by trained home visitors or early childhood specialists. A pilot will launch this fall with the Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition, and an information session will be held later this month to share more details.

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