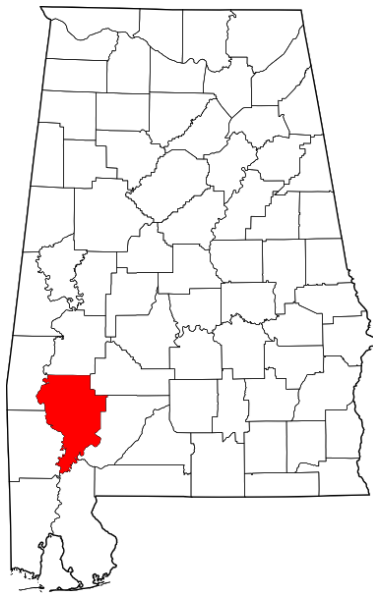


Clarke County



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Year Program Started	2007
Number of Families Served in 2013/2014	83
Number of Children Served in 2013/2014	89
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 2013/2014	28
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 2013/2014	34
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 2013/2014	27
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	6
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	9
Areas Served	Grove Hill, Whatley, Fulton, Dickinson, Thomasville, Jackson, Gainestown, Coffeeville, Winn
Number of Schools Served	3
Schools Served	Grovehill Elementary, Gillmore Elementary, and Thomasville Elementary
Number of Students Tested 2012/2013	80
Percentage of Students that Passed 2012/2013	90%
Retention Percentage Rate 2012/2013	85%

Program Overview

HIPPY Clarke County is a county-wide program and serves 83 families/89 children in the communities of Grove Hill, Whatley, Fulton, Dickinson, Thomasville, Jackson, Gainestown, Coffeeville and Winn areas. According to the 2010 Census, the population of Clarke County is 25,833 with an unemployment rate of 9.4% (Ala. Dept. of Labor, Dec., 2013). Most of the residents

make their living primarily from the timber industry. HIPPY works with both school systems in the county.

Collaborative Partnerships	Clarke County School System, Thomasville City School System, Clarke Prep School, Grove Hill Memorial Hospital, Head Start, Impact Alabama-Focus First, Children’s Rehabilitation Services, I-DENT-A-KID, America’s Promise Alliance/Clarke County Promise Alliance; Goodwill Easter Seals; HIPPY Mobile County
Funding Sources	Alabama Dept. of Children’s Affairs, J.L. Bedsole Foundation, The Crampton Trust, The Clarke County Commission, Town of Grove Hill, City of Thomasville, Harrigan Family Foundation, Alabama Power Company, ALA-TOM Resource Conservation & Development Council, Rotary Club of Jackson and others.

HIPPY Success Story from Clarke County

Parent, Martine Williams

My name is Martine Williams and I am from the Gainestown community near Jackson, Alabama. I was enrolled in the HIPPY program by Mrs. Jane Sellers in 2007 with my 3 year old son, LaKenny Williams. He is now 8 years old. Then in 2008, I enrolled with my youngest son when he was 3 years old. His name is Tyrese Washington and he is now 7 years old.

In 2010, I was offered the opportunity to be a Parent Educator. However, I did not have a high school diploma. I was told that I could be hired as a “Parent Educator in Training” if I would go to school and get my GED. So I agreed to go. I went for seven months and I went to take the test in April. A week later, I received a call to come to the school. So I went and found out that I had passed the test. I was so happy!

I know if I had not been offered this job, I wouldn’t have thought about getting my GED. So I would like to say, “Thank you” to HIPPY Clarke County, the coordinator of the program, Mrs. Jane and the teacher at Alabama Southern Community College, Stuart Lee. I am so proud of myself!

