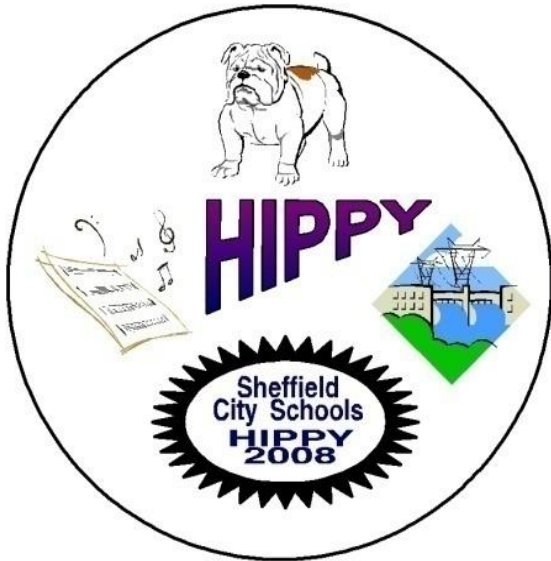


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Year Program Started	2008
Number of Families Served in 2012/2013	17
Number of Children Served in 2012/2013	18
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 12/13	0
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 12/13	18
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 12/13	0
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	2
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	1
Areas Served	The city of Sheffield
Number of Schools Served	1
Schools Served	Threadgill Elementary School

Program Overview

Sheffield City Schools began its HIPPY program in October, 2008. We serve Sheffield City residents with a population around 10,000. Although some of the families have been unable to continue due to relocation, illness, and other reasons, the benefit to the students who have continued has been evident. One pre-k teacher shared that students who are enrolled in the HIPPY program show more confidence, more participation, and are more likely to volunteer to answer questions in class. In addition, she says, "The parents of HIPPY children seem more comfortable working with their children during parent activities."

We have networked with other family services agencies in the area such as Housing Authority, Community Services Council. We have a close working relationship with Threadgill Elementary School (pre-K – 2nd grades).

Being a small school system and starting late in the year, our numbers do not necessarily reflect our success. We do believe we have made a difference in the families that we have served, and feel better prepared to serve more families next year.

Collaborative Partnerships	Housing Authority, Community Services Council, and Threadgill Elementary School (pre-K – 2 nd grades)
Funding Sources	HIPPY Funds from Alabama Legislature

HIPPY Success Stories from Colbert County

Coordinator, Patti Westmoreland

Two caregivers, a parent and grandparent, involved with HIPPY have taken the initiative to continue their education. Both are now enrolled in a local community college part- time.

Tahevanna Jackson is a four year old child who enrolled in the HIPPY program along with her mother, Tawa Boyd. Ms. Boyd is a young, single mom who is a member of the National Guard. We were surprised when Ms. Boyd was called into active duty and deployed to Iraq. What a set of circumstances we had! But Aunt Shirley Garner came to the rescue. Having seen the skills that Tahevanna had acquired through HIPPY and hearing from her pre-K teachers how she was excelling in school, Mrs. Garner offered to be Tahevanna’s parent educator. Together they have forged ahead and now Mrs. Garner is one of our most out spoken advocates for the HIPPY program. She says, “I see each day how Tahevanna is learning new concepts and becoming a better student. Her teachers say that she is a leader in her class and she is excited about learning. She can’t wait for her Mommy to come home from Iraq so she can show her all the things she has learned. We are so grateful to HIPPY for being there and helping me fill in the gaps for Tahevanna.”



Shirley Gamer and Tahevanna Jackson



HIPPY Group Meeting