

# DeKalb County



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<b>Year Program Started</b>	2005
<b>Number of Families Served in 2009/2010</b>	31
<b>Number of Children Served in 2009/2010</b>	36
<b>Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 09/10</b>	4
<b>Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 09/10</b>	17
<b>Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 09/10</b>	15
<b>Number of Coordinators</b>	1
<b>Number of Parent Educators</b>	4
<b>Area Served</b>	DeKalb County
<b>Number of Schools Served</b>	1
<b>Schools Served</b>	Wills Valley Elementary
<b>Number of Students Tested in 2008/2009</b>	46
<b>Percentage of Students that Passed 08/09</b>	74%

## Program Overview

The city of Fort Payne, AL is located in the NE corner of the state along the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. It has approximately 15,000 people and serves as the DeKalb County Seat for an estimated 65,000 people. It is largely a rural area with light industry, farming, and the hosiery industry serving as the leading areas of employment. Because of recent events involving NAFTA, our city's largest employer, the hosiery is completely shutting down in June. This is and will continue to create a depressed economy (almost 14% unemployment). For this reason HIPPY is and will be even more so an important option for parents.

<b>Collaborative Partnerships</b>	Head Start, Wills Valley Elementary School, DeKalb County Health Department, Delta Kappa Gamma (Teacher's Organization), and Asbury UMC
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Appalachian Region Grant

## HIPPY Success Story from DeKalb County

Former Coordinator, Susan Long

Although the percentage of students who passed in 08/09 does not look high, the true success of our children is not shown. So many of our Hispanics speak little English and when they are first tested they answer only a few if any questions correctly. By the end of the year they may have answered 15 correctly which is a great improvement. Many are speaking English by the time they enter school. We know this program works!!

One home visitor has been told this year that she is more than just the parent's teacher, she has become a trusted friend.

A Hispanic family has offered to adopt their home visitor when she is old in order to provide for her needs. Their reason, they have noticed that Americans do not seem to take care of their elderly family members.

We have a mom who tells everyone she can about HIPPY because she really believes that HIPPY is the reason her son has done so well in school. He was in the program our second and third year. He is in second grade this year and will be tested for the gifted program this spring.

