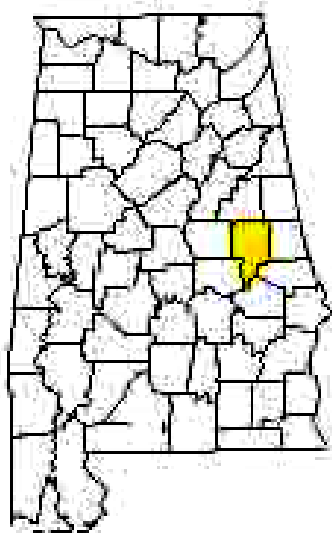


Tallapoosa County



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Year Program Started	2008
Number of Families Served in 2009/2010	45
Number of Children Served in 2009/2010	48
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 09/10	6
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 09/10	19
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 09/10	23
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Assistant Coordinators	1
Number of Parent Educators	5
Number of Areas(Neighborhoods) Served	3
Areas Served	Laurel Heights, Springhill, & Hispanic community
Number of Schools Served	1
Schools Served	Jim Pearson Elementary School
Number of Students Tested in 2008/2009	26
Percentage of Students that Passed 08/09	96%

Program Overview

HIPPY of Alexander City got started in January 2009. We have 30 families and 4 home visitors serving primarily the Laurel Heights community on North Side and the Springhill community on the South Side of town. We have partnered with the Alexander City Housing Authority and host our group meetings in their facilities in each community. We are housed in Jim Pearson School, the K-2 school of the Alexander City School System.

Collaborative Partnerships	Alexander City Housing Authority, Alexander City School System
Funding Sources	Alabama Legislature and Appalachian Regional Council

HIPPY Success Story from Tallapoosa County

Parent – Janet Watts

Dear HIPPY friends,

I, Janet Watts, Jennifer and Jill's mom wanted to tell you all that this program has meant a lot to me and the girls love the activities and lessons. Last year was our first year in the program and it put lessons in front of me to help me know what they needed to be learning. I was so trilled to have this. I knew some things I needed to teach them, but this gave us organized lessons.

Through this program, my husband and I both really started noticing how Jennifer struggled. To start with, we thought that she just did not want to learn, then as the year progressed and we began telling Angela, our wonderful home visitor, we realized that the handwriting, scissor cutting, among other things were things she could not do. The HIPPY staff had pre-tested her and tested her at the end of the year. Mrs. Pierce and Angela came and saw how she was struggling and told us to get a doctor involved. We did find a doctor and in time she began to improve. She is in Kindergarten now and can write, cut with scissors and many other things she could not do last summer.

Because of HIPPY, not only is Jennifer getting help, our youngest, Jessica is getting early intervention for similar problems. I want to thank everyone involved for getting the HIPPY program in Alexander City. Jill, my second daughter had benefited as well. She looks forward to all her lessons and loves the books. This is our second year and pray this program stays in place for our third daughter Jessica. I want to thank Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Pierce for their work with the program but I want to give special thanks to Angela, she has been there for me and my girls and encouraged us.

