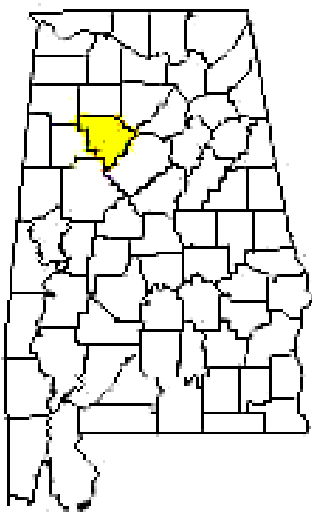


Walker County



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Year Program Started	2007
Number of Families Served in 2010/2011	50
Number of Children Served in 2010/2011	46
Number in the 5-Year-Old Program 10/11	1
Number in the 4-Year-Old Program 10/11	28
Number in the 3-Year-Old Program 10/11	17
Number of Coordinators	1
Number of Assistant Coordinators	0
Number of Parent Educators	5
Areas Served	Carbon Hill, Cordova, Curry, Dora, Jasper, Nauvoo, Oakman, Parrish, Quinton, Sumiton, and Townley

Program Overview

HIPPY Walker County began in November of 2007 and serves the entire county which includes 18 communities. The county is located about 16 miles northwest of Birmingham, in the north-central portion of Alabama. Coal mining was once king in Walker County but declined in the 1970's. The Walker County Board of Education, The Baby Talk Program and individuals refer children to the HIPPY program.

Collaborative Partnerships	Walker County Board of Education and Walker County Children's Policy Council
Funding Sources	Alabama Legislature

HIPPY Success Story from Walker County

Parent Educator, Wendell Aycock

When I started working with Chelsey, I discovered she was sight impaired, only able to see a small amount of light. I talked to her parents about the HIPPY program and about Chelsey

becoming my access child. I also told them the program was designed for children with vision but we would do the best we could together for the good of Chelsey.

We began to modify the three year old lessons. The mother outlined the pictures with hot glue so Chelsey could use touch to determine the picture. Ms. Bowers has a Braille machine to write the words in each story book and then uses Braille to write the letters of the alphabet so Chelsey can learn each letter presented in each lesson. The modifications helped Chelsey learn the books and now she can tell you the whole story of all the books just by hearing the first sentence of all the books presented.

Chelsey has been accepted into the pre-k school program next year. We have already been working with Chelsey's school teacher and she sees many positive changes in Chelsey's demeanor and learning skills. Chelsey's teacher, her mother and father and I are working very closely to give her the best education. Where there is a will there is a way! Last week Ms. Bowers said Chelsey was in the backseat of the car turning the newspaper like she was reading and counting the pages. Some day she will read that paper!

