

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) partners with parents to prepare their children for success in school. The model uses storybooks and a scripted curriculum to teach children school readiness skills and partner with parents to enrich their education and job skills. The model also seeks to strengthen communities by supporting civic engagement and employing home visitors from the community, many of whom have participated in the program.

What is the model's approach to providing home visiting services?

Home visits take place once per week. Services are provided until the child exits kindergarten. Children must be 2 years old by the start of the program year to enroll in HIPPY for Little Learners and 3 years old to enroll in the Year 1 curriculum.

HIPPY's service population includes the following:

Families with low incomes

Families with children ages 2 to 5 years old

Caregivers with limited access to education

Immigrant families experiencing language barriers

✓ Home-based child care providers

Who is implementing the model?

Home Visitors

HIPPY was implemented by 728 home visitors in 2020. The model requires a high school diploma for home visitors; a Child Development Associate Credential is recommended. Home visitors are required to maintain a caseload of 10 to 22 families.

Supervisors

HIPPY was implemented by 192 supervisors in 2020. The model requires a bachelor's degree for supervisors.

Where is the model implemented?



HIPPY operated in 117 local agencies across 20 states and the District of Columbia in 2020. HIPPY also operated outside the United States and its territories in 2020.

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Families Served Through Evidence-Based Home Visiting in 2020

