

# The HIPPY Program

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters



**Empowering Parents as  
Their Child's First Teacher**



**HIPPY**  
**FLORIDA**

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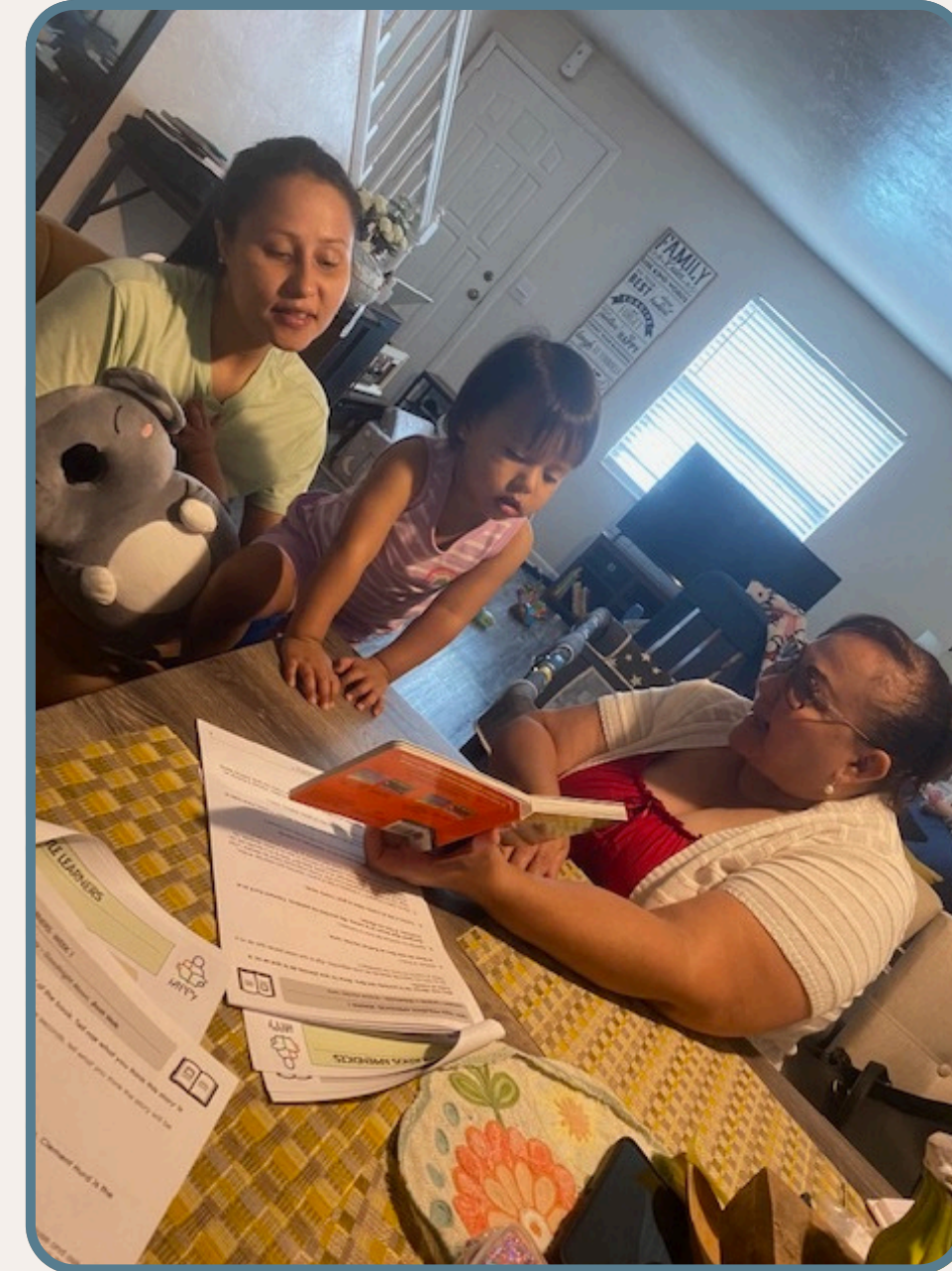
# Why This Matters

- Many children enter kindergarten without foundational skills
- Parents want to help but often lack tools and support
- Early experiences shape long-term outcomes



# What HIPPY Is and How It Works

- An evidence-based, home visiting program focused on school readiness
- Parents are the primary educators, supported by trained home visitors
- Weekly structured activities and group connections build skills and confidence



# HIPPY in Florida at a Glance (2024-25)

## Reach

- 1,857 Families
- 2,117 Children
- 19 Counties

## Engagement

- 40,000+ Hours with Home Visitors
- 37,000+ Activities Completed
- 240,000+ Books Read



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- Stronger parent-child relationships
- Growth in language and early literacy skills
- Improved kindergarten readiness
- Families connected to community resources
- Parents grow into confident educational partners



## Impact Snapshot

Children are nearly 2x more likely to pass the Kindergarten Readiness Screener.

Graduates are 5x more likely to be promoted to 1st grade on time.

# HIPPY in Practice: Alachua County

- Families served: 66 (2024-2025)
- Community Home Visitors
- Weekly home visits and group meetings
- Strong relationships with families and community partners



# A Family's Journey with HIPPY

- Success story
- Committed
- Experience in HIPPY
- Outcome



# Looking Ahead: Strengthening and Scaling Impact

- Expanding access to reach more families across Florida
- Strengthening program quality and long-term sustainability
- Aligning with early learning and family support systems
- Creating pathways into the early childhood workforce



# Questions & Discussion



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