

Keeping HIPPY Families and Staff Engaged During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) National Emergency



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Discontinue In-Person Home Visits and Group Meetings

Safety first! In-person home visits is not recommended at this time, so please refer to health and safety guidelines from local health officials about appropriate activities.



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Stay Connected with Families / Continue to Deliver HIPPY

We have requested that all sites stay in contact with families and continue to virtually deliver home visits, including the role-play of the parent-child curriculum. Electronic versions of the materials are available to home visitors as well as an on-line training module for virtual program delivery.



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Stay Informed and Share Resources

Support families by reviewing past lessons, engaging in extension activities found within the curriculum, and sharing other resources to ensure positive interactions can continue with their children.



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Help Parents Talk to Their Children

Children will always ask questions, so answers should come from their first, and best teacher – their parent! Facilitate conversations with kid-friendly resources: <https://kidshealth.org/>



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Document Your Work

By documenting your work, HIPPY can learn how to reach more families in new and creative ways, including remote methods. Recording details about your outreach will show how we serve isolated, low-income families.



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Watch for Emergency Funding Opportunities

No community, industry, or group is beyond the scope of this public health crisis. Watch for emergency support opportunities and check out our weekly updates for more about funders keen to assist in our mission.



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Think Creatively and Share Feedback with MMC

MMC plans to survey our programs and to hold regular calls with sites to share information. Stay connected because we need feedback from families, Home Visitors, and Coordinators.



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Know That We Trust You To Do Great Work

Sites are on the front-lines of service, and know the best approaches for delivering HIPPY in different communities. These same tools and methods are perfect to keep Home Visitors connected as well.



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Show Appreciation With Your HIPPY Heart

MMC supports your decisions about your programs, staff, and the families in your communities. We appreciate all that you do, and we encourage you to remind everyone how much you appreciate them, too. Stay safe and be well?