

What is the HIPPY Program

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) at Kurbingui Youth & Family Development is a FREE community-based program supporting families with early learning and school readiness.

Over the two-year program, HIPPY provides home-based activities and guidance to help parents and carers become their child's first teacher. By building skills and confidence, it empowers families to create positive, nurturing learning experiences at home and fosters a love of learning that will last a lifetime.

Aims and Objectives

The HIPPY program helps prepare children for school by building their literacy, numeracy and social skills, while supporting parents to feel confident and capable as their child's first teacher.

Through fun, play-based learning activities at home, HIPPY strengthens parent-child relationships and connects families with local services and resources.

Trained tutors provide regular home visits to guide and encourage parents, while group gatherings give families the chance to meet, share experiences and support one another. The program is flexible and responsive to the cultural and social needs of the community.



Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm

Support Services provided on weekdays, evenings, weekends, public holidays.

(Services as per schedule of supports)

Where We Are Located



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What HIPPY Can Offer

- Home visits from trained tutors to guide and support parents.
- Educational activities and learning packs delivered to your home.
- Practical support and referrals to local services and programs.
- School readiness support to build your child's skills and confidence.
- Community Gatherings for parents to share experiences and learn together.
- Cultural and community connections tailored to your family's needs.

Program Benefits

The HIPPY program offers a wide range of benefits for families. It helps children make a smooth transition to school by nurturing a love of learning, building literacy, language, listening and concentration skills, and boosting confidence and self-esteem. HIPPY empowers parents and carers to be their child's first teacher by developing their skills and confidence and linking them to community resources and support.

The program fits easily into daily routines, encouraging active involvement in children's learning. It also promotes social inclusion, strengthens community connections and creates a positive, nurturing environment for early childhood development.

Criteria for Referrals

- Family lives in catchment areas – Deception Bay, North Lakes, Redcliffe Peninsula and Burpengary
- Child turns 3 before the 30th of June that year

Priority given to:

- Children of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Families hold a Health Care Card.
- The child resides in out of home care.
- Families whose main source of income is government wages.
- Single parent families.
- Main Language spoken at home is not English.
- Children with a disability or developmental delay.
- Parents/carers with a disability or long-term health condition.



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How to Access the Program

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