

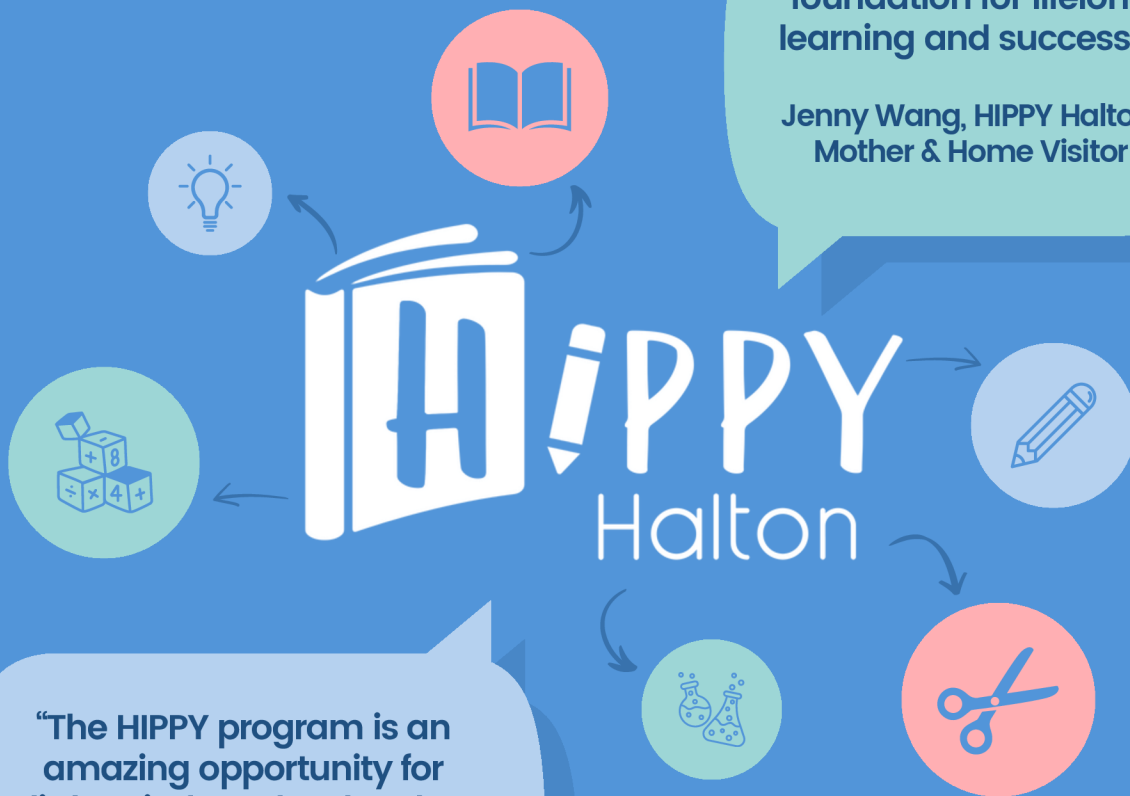
SHAPING THE FUTURE

“Education is the foundation upon which we build our future.”

Christine Gregoire

“HIPPY lays a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success!”

Jenny Wang, HIPPY Halton
Mother & Home Visitor



“The HIPPY program is an amazing opportunity for little minds to develop the key skill set for a successful future in school.”

Svetlana Mikhailova, HIPPY
Halton Mother & Home Visitor

**HIPPY HALTON
ANNUAL REPORT
2024**

EMPOWERING = ENABLING = STRONGER AND MORE CONFIDENT FAMILIES

At HIPPY, we believe that parents play a vital role in creating a promising future for their families and communities. With HIPPY Halton's early literacy program and the strong support of the Home Visitors, parents can overcome challenges and ensure a bright future for their children.

Research indicates that children whose parents are actively involved in their education tend to achieve higher academic success, develop better social skills, and enjoy improved overall well-being.

We are proud to report that 91% of parents and children completed the program.

This is a 4% increase from last year!

135 parents and 163 children worked with HIPPY Halton this year. Our home visitors connected with 38% of families in person and 62% through a hybrid model. Thank you to our Home Visitors and our Outreach Worker for your dedication and enthusiasm. You are the key to our success!

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“HIPPY is a great program which has provided a stable and innovative learning foundation for my child.” – HIPPY Halton Mother

We realize that we would not be able to serve our families without a great deal of support. We thank our generous donors for your support and interest – you inspire us to reach higher.

We thank Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada, United Way of Halton and Hamilton, and the Region of Halton not only for their grants but also for their encouragement and interest.

We know that our success and outreach is due to the support and generosity of many organizations and individuals in our community. We are honoured to work with you and thank you for your kindness and interest.

Thank you too, to our HIPPY Board for your invaluable guidance and support – you play a vital role in strengthening our agency.

We are blessed to work in a community that helps us create a better future for our families.

Jassy Hundal | Daniela Palau



BOTH THE SMART AND HIPPY

30-week programs develop early literacy skills:

- Home Visitors spend an hour each week teaching parents the structured early literacy curriculum activities and strategies based on toys and books.
- Families keep the books and toys, which help them build their own tools and resources.
- Parents teach their children the activities for 5 days.
- Home visitors check parents' and children's work during each visit. They note and record progress in a national database, mentor and encourage parents, and assist with any challenges they face.

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Outcomes:

- Empowered parents see themselves as their children's first and best teachers.
- Parents learn how to create a supportive learning environment.
- Children enter school with confidence and skills, ready to learn.
- Parents are less isolated and are involved in school and community life.
- Home Visitors develop skills, gain work experience, and build a resume.
- Home Visitors are able to move on to higher-level positions, thus creating opportunities for other mothers to become Home Visitors.
- Mothers are given the opportunity to work in their first job in Canada.

FEEDBACK FROM HIPPY PARENTS

A key goal of early literacy programs is to inspire a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

Parents often provide us with valuable feedback throughout the year. They help us adjust the program, when necessary, which is an important part of program development.

"HIPPY creates an excellent environment for learning. Keep up the good work."

"HIPPY gave me the opportunity to bond with my child and aid his educational development."

"I just want to express my immense gratitude to HIPPY for the incredible opportunity as a parent to teach my child English, learn English myself, and join the local culture and society. Thanks to your organization and our amazing Home Visitor, I had support not only in educational materials but also morally. You were always there in the most difficult times and did not let me lose my heart. THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!"

"With HIPPY Halton, I only have words of gratitude for welcoming my son with so much love!"

"We are so lucky to be part of this program! Thank you for all that you do to support us in preparing our son to be ready for elementary school!"

"I love the HIPPY Program so much because my child learned a lot from the HIPPY books and the activities. Now I know how to help my child. Thank you for your support!"

"The writing corner quickly became their favourite place in the house."

"I want to thank the HIPPY team for recent parents' meetings and coaching sessions with Francine. It was incredibly useful! It helped me focus on my key life goals for the current year and make some progress in moving towards them. The supportive environment created by other parents is very important and inspiring."



"The more you read, the more things you shall know. The more that you learn, the more places you shall go." – Dr. Seuss

QUICK FACTS:

HIPPY Halton Families:

- Come from 27 countries and speak more than 24 languages in addition to English.
- Although HIPPY is not an ESL program, mothers' English skills improve and develop as they work through the program.
- 91% of the families successfully completed the HIPPY or SMART program this year.
- 86% of the parents feel confident communicating with teachers or staff at their child's school.
- 91% of the HIPPY parents report that they feel a sense of belonging in their community.



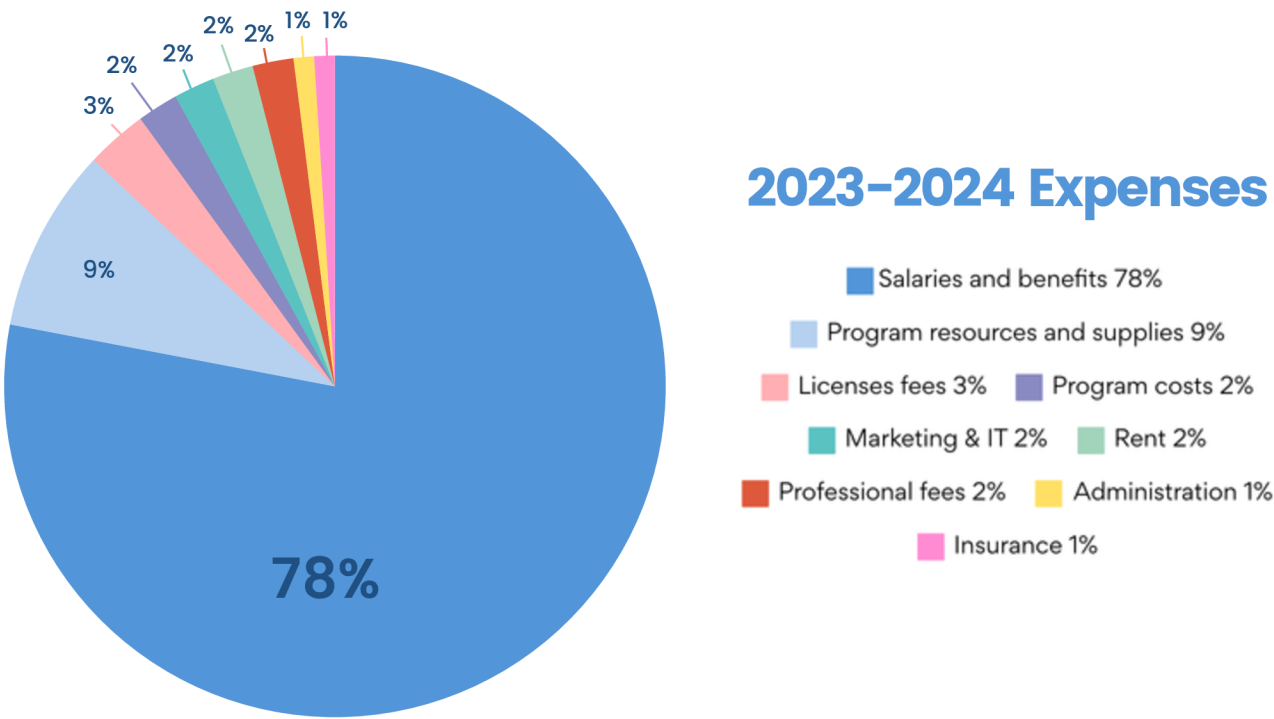
Program delivery highlights:

- Over the 30 weeks of the HIPPY and SMART programs, parents received 4066 hours of instruction and mentorship while working with Home Visitors.
- Mothers spent at least one and three-quarter hours each week teaching their children the literacy activities.
- A total of 16 Parents' Group Meetings were held in Milton and Oakville.
- Home Visitors provided additional information, referrals, actions, and support to families 1188 times over the year.
- Home Visitors received 1367 hours of training.

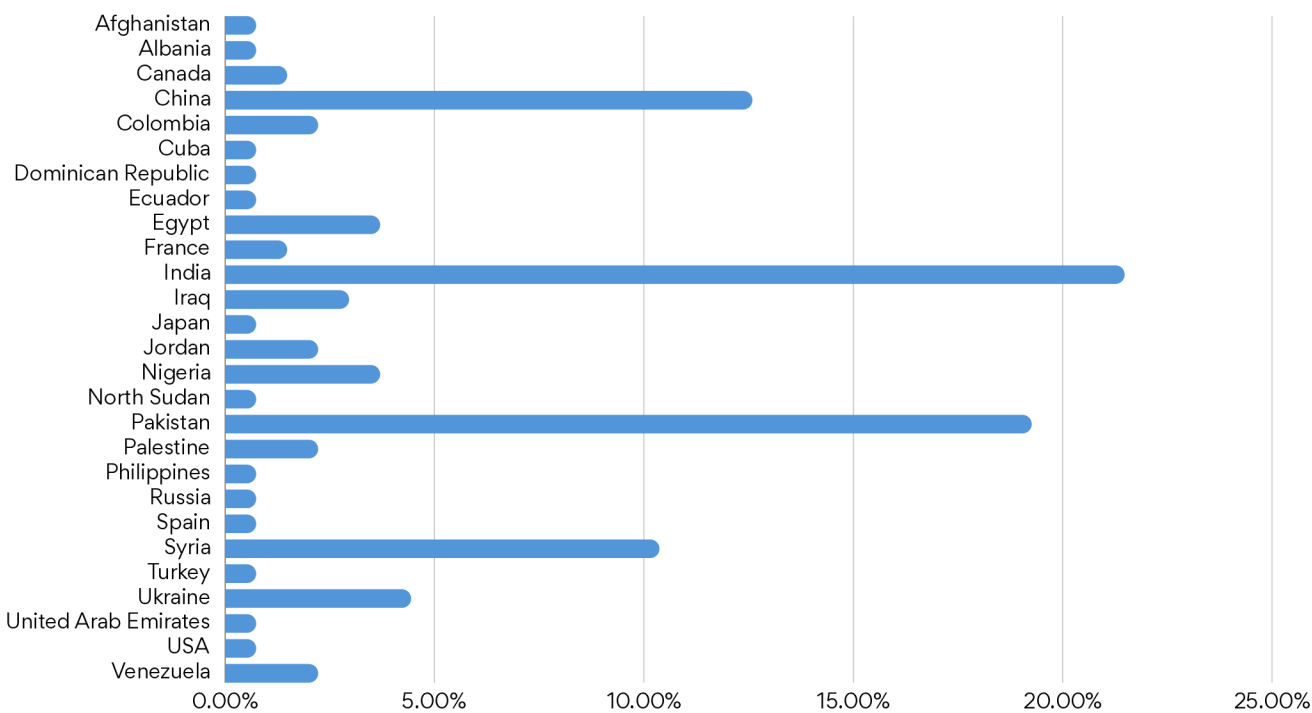
We are delighted to share that we signed a lease on our own new space in June.

You are invited to visit us at B9-461 North Service Rd. W. Oakville, ON, L6M 2V5. We would love to share our work with you!

EXPENSES OF THE YEAR:



Country of origin for HIPPY Parents 2023-2024



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Words cannot express our gratitude for your support and generosity. HIPPY Halton families have a chance to learn and grow, thanks to you.



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