

Get HIPPY for our children

FAMILIES in Whyalla are being encouraged to take part in a free early learning and parenting program designed to help children prepare for school while building parents' confidence in supporting learning at home.

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is available through Uniting Country SA and supports families with children aged three before they begin their first year of school.

Delivered locally from Whyalla Stuart, the program provides parents and carers with educational activities and resources they can complete with their children at home, helping develop literacy, numeracy and communication skills during the important early years.

HIPPY Whyalla services a number of local communities, including Whyalla, Whyalla North, Whyalla Stuart and Whyalla Jenkins.

Families interested in joining the program can submit an expression of interest

through the HIPPY website, with eligibility based on a child's age and whether families live within the provider's catchment area. Priority access may also be available for some families.

HIPPY Whyalla coordinator Fiona Eden said the program aimed to empower parents to become their child's first teacher while creating positive learning experiences in the home environment.

Uniting Country SA has more than 100 years of experience supporting regional communities and provides assistance to families, children and individuals experiencing challenges in their lives.

HIPPY Whyalla also proudly acknowledges the Barngarla people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the program operates.

Families wanting more information can contact Ms Eden on 0439 601 067 or via email at fiona.eden@ucsa.org.au



The roll-out of the State Government's Flying Start three-year-old preschool program began earlier this year at more than 250 sites across South Australia, marking the biggest change to education in a generation. (File)



HIPPY

Families learning together with fun and free activities

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is a fun and free program for families that supports children's learning in the two years before school.

10-15 minutes a day of learning and play with HIPPY makes change that lasts a lifetime!

Our program

Join HIPPY with your 3 year old and each fortnight, HIPPY Tutors will bring you storybooks and activities and practice them with you helping you feel confident doing them with your child.

Each activity helps your child learn through play and supports their development.



HIPPY Gatherings

Gatherings are fun, welcoming and family-friendly.

They're opportunity for you to meet other HIPPY families, learn about your child's development and to hear about local services and events in your community.

HIPPY Tutors

Tutors are HIPPY parents trained in each of the HIPPY activities and will practice them with you at each home visit.



As HIPPY parents, Tutors have the personal experience and community knowledge to support you as you learn with your child.

Supports you as your child's most important teacher

HIPPY Whyalla

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