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Upcoming Events November

Men Make Dinner Day <i>(Wouldn't that be nice?)</i>	5th
World Kindness Day	13th
AHVN Training: West Fork-Strategies to Support Family Engagement	16th 9am-j
AHVN Training: Little Rock- MIECHV Required Training	17-19th
AHVN Training: Hope-- Food Insecurity Among Families in Arkansas and Active Healthy Lifestyle: Early Childhood	18th 9am-1:30pm
AHVN Training: Beebe-- Strategies to Support Family Engagement and Family Violence Prevention	19th 9am-3pm
World Hello Day <i>Greet 10 people to participate and promote world peace.</i>	21st
Thanksgiving	26th
Square Dance Day <i>(Swing your partner to burn off those Thanksgiving calories)</i>	29th
AHVN Training: Alma-- Strategies to Keep Home Visitors Safe	December 7th 10am-2pm



State Manager's Spotlight—by Tyra Greenwood

As the holiday season approaches, it can feel as if you are trading one busy season for another. However, I hope that you will take time to reflect on your life and those things for which you can truly be thankful. In the hustle and bustle of daily life, work, and the impending gatherings and family visits, we can lose touch with ourselves and those closest to us. When we take time to stop and think about what we are grateful for, it can

truly impact our overall view of our life and the world around us in a positive way.

I am thankful for the wonderful staff at the HIPPY Arkansas State Office that I get to work with everyday as well as the amazing home-based educators, coordinators, and supervisors around the state who dedicate their days to helping ensure that families in their communities have the skills and resources necessary to be successful.

Also, I want to acknowledge that this month marks Wanda Corney's one year anniversary as the HIPPY MIECHV Program Coordinator. I am very thankful to have her working on our staff and I know the MIECHV HIPPY programs are grateful for her leadership.

Thank you for all that you do. I know that thousands of families around the state are thankful for you at this time of year.

HIPPY Updates



ABC Site Monitoring

Lacye has already begun scheduling her ABC monitoring visits for the 2015-2016 program year. Please make sure that your files are organized and neat so that they can be easily reviewed during your visit. We recommend that you take time to review all of your child and staff folders prior to the monitoring visit in case something is missing and a document needs to be obtained.

Start Your HIPPY Accreditation Preparations Early

HIPPY USA Accreditation visits require a great deal of documentation, effort, and planning. Make sure that you are getting your documents together now and working on your organization a little bit each month so as not to have to rush in the weeks before your Accreditation visit. Please contact your assigned trainer with any questions or concerns you may have.

HIPPY Internal Advisory Group

The first meeting of the HIPPY Internal Advisory Group was held on Oct. 27th in Little Rock. Many important issues relating to the current and future workings of HIPPY Arkansas were discussed. More details will be coming out soon and your regional representative will be reaching out for your input in the coming months. This was a great first step as we look forward to enhancing HIPPY Arkansas' effectiveness throughout the state.

CQI Reminders: (MIECHV)

The CQI focus this month is on building and maintaining capacity at your sites. This will require continuous seeking of recruitment opportunities by all staff members and reflection on recruiting successes and challenges.

Time for Observations

As home-based educators are now actively serving families, coordinators will be coming around to conduct home-visit observations, if they have not already done so. This is a time for coordinators to provide valuable coaching and feedback and for home-based educators to reflect on ways in which they can fine-tune their visits to ensure they are most beneficial to the families.



TAPP Registering Trainings

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DEVELOP AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE, AND GIVE THANKS FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO YOU. KNOWING THAT EVERY STEP FORWARD IS A STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING SOMETHING BIGGER AND BETTER THAN YOUR CURRENT SITUATION.

-Brian Tracy

