# HelpMeGrow®

## ALABAMA

#### **PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION STATUS**

In 2015, the Alabama Partnership for Children received funding to expand *HMG* services statewide, and since that time have worked with 2-1-1 call centers to designate and train seven additional regional care coordinators and begin implementation in seven new regions of the state.

#### OUR HMG SYSTEM

#### HELP ME GROW CORE COMPONENTS

- Child Health Provider Outreach HMG Alabama works with Reach Out and Read-Alabama to contact pediatricians with a united message about early childhood development. We also collaborate with the Alabama Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics on Quality Improvement/ Maintenance of Certification.
- Family and Community Outreach We have worked with Early Intervention, Alabama's First Class Pre-K, and First Teacher Home Visiting programs to incorporate HMG into existing referral protocols. We have engaged Children's Policy Councils and others through community Books, Balls, and Blocks events, presentations at local and regional conferences, and public awareness through agency newsletters and websites. In addition to the HMG State Leadership team, state and local Young Child Wellness Councils have been created for further system's development.
- Centralized Phone Access Point HMG Alabama partners with United Way's 2-1-1 Connects Alabama call centers as a centralized telephone access point in 9 regions of the state. There is a care coordinator at each site to utilize the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, link families with needed resources, and follow-up when a connection is made.
- Data Collection & Analysis HMG Alabama has begun utilizing the ASQ Online Enterprise system and Family Access component to strengthen Alabama's capacity for collecting statewide child development data, and to further promote and enhance developmental screening in early childhood programs around the state. For more efficient client tracking, follow-up, and data collection, we have acquired HMG Utah's comprehensive database system and procedures.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF HMG**

*HMG* Alabama is currently being implemented in nine regions serving all 67 counties in the state.



### FAST FACTS

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HMG CALL CENTER

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