



The *Help Me Grow* National Network

23 States and Growing!

The *Help Me Grow* System

Between 12 and 16 percent of all American children experience developmental, behavioral and/or emotional delays or problems. Experts agree that early detection and connection to services lead to the best outcomes for children with such challenges.

Help Me Grow is an effective, efficient system that helps states implement universal developmental surveillance, screening and detection for all children through age eight, and then link families to existing community-based programs.

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Twenty-three states are currently affiliates of the National Network. As such, they receive ongoing technical assistance from the *Help Me Grow* National Center with the planning and implementation of a statewide system.

Affiliates have use of the National Center implementation manual, the website, current research, monthly e-newsletters, and an online Affiliate Toolbox. The National Center facilitates an annual National Forum, peer-to-peer networking, and webinars for affiliates. It also advocates on affiliates' behalf.

Help Me Grow System Core Components

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Child health care provider outreach to support early detection and intervention	Community outreach to promote use of <i>HMG</i> and provide networking events for families and service providers	Centralized telephone access point to connect children and their families to services and care coordination	Data collection to understand all aspects of the <i>HMG</i> system, including gaps in and barriers to service

Help Me Grow System Structural Requirements

1. Organizing entity
2. Strategy for expanding statewide over time
3. Continuous Quality Improvement process

Alabama

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

District of Columbia

Florida

Iowa

Kentucky

Louisiana

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

New Jersey

Oregon

Puerto Rico

South Carolina

Utah

Vermont

Washington

West Virginia

Western New York

Wyoming



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Help Me Grow & Cross-Sector Collaboration

Help Me Grow builds on existing resources in the cross-sectors of healthcare, early care and education and family services.

The *Help Me Grow* system does not supplant existing resources. It connects them better. For example, programs, such as Home Visiting, that partner with a *Help Me Grow* system can:

- use *Help Me Grow* as their centralized access point for family care coordination services;
- refer families directly to *Help Me Grow*, which then links them to community-based information and resources and provides care coordination;
- and partner with community agencies through *Help Me Grow* networking meetings.

Help Me Grow Partners

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems	Project LAUNCH
Early Head Start	Race to the Top
Home Visiting	Reach Out and Read
Learn the Signs. Act Early.	Strengthening Families



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Help Me Grow Testimonials

One of the most attractive characteristics of *Help Me Grow* is that it is elegant in its simplicity.

– Dr. Paul Dworkin,
Founder, *Help Me Grow*

Help Me Grow is a system that allows me to do my job as a pediatrician caring for families better, more simply, and fairly quickly.

– Cliff O’Callahan, MD,
Pediatric Faculty and
Director of Nuerseries,
Middlesex Hospital, CT

I think that *Help Me Grow* is one of the best systems I have seen in the past 20 years and know that it will continue to impact our ability to reach families who need so much help.

– Liz Petersen, Director
Kids Who Count, Utah

Children’s issues are why I ran for the office. *Help Me Grow* looks to us to be a well thought-out, intelligent way of augmenting the services we have been trying to improve for kids already.

– Lt. Governor Matt Denn
Delaware

I believe in *Help Me Grow* because I know from my experience that resources for families are there, but too often people can’t get to them. And whether it’s your first child or seventh, we as parents all need help!

– Janae Moss
Parent Champion, Utah