HELP ME GROW SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

IMPLEMENTATION AND LESSONS LEARNED



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What is Help Me Grow?

- Help Me Grow is a system that connects at-risk children through age 8 with the services they need in their community.
 - Evidenced-based
 - 4 core components, 3 structural requirements
- Builds collaboration across sectors, including child health care, early care and education, and family support
- lowa is one of 17 affiliate states (only one in Midwest)

Goals and Purpose of Campaign

Utilize social media to highlight and promote screening and surveillance to lowa parents and pediatricians, with the intention of connecting lowa families to appropriate local, state, and national resources.

- Target Audience
 - Parents/Caregivers
 - Pediatricians

2 tailored posts per day for 31 days (March 1st-31st)

Exposure and Reach

Dear Help Me Grow National Affiliates,

The Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics is excited to announce that, in March 2013, we will be conducting a Heip Me Grow Social Media Campaign. The mission of this initiative is to highlight and promote screening and surveillance resources for Iowa parents and pediatricians with the intention of connecting Iowa families to appropriate local, state, and national resources.

The HMG Social Media Campaign will utilize Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to deliver daily resources and links to associated websites, and the campaign will cover a variety of topics related to early childhood development. There will be two posts per day: one post in the morning simed at parents and community members and one post in the evening aimed at pediatricians and healthcare providers.

I would like to invite you to join us in this campaign! In order to maximize the impact and reach, please follow these easy steps.

- Follow us on Facebook by searching "Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics" (https://www.facebook.com/IowaPeds)
- 2. Follow us on Twitter by searching @IowaChapterAAP
- Subscribe to our YouTube channel: Iowa AAP
- 4. Spread the word: share the campaign with friends, family, colleagues and patients!

In return, we would like to Follow and "Like" your respective pages in order to connect the HMG community, share this campaign with others, and support your programs. Please send the links to your organization's Twitter and Facebook pages to rachel-nash@uiowa.edu. Our hope is that this pilot project can be replicated in the future using state-specific resources. Please note that many of the resources are lows-based and may not be applicable to your particular state.

We appreciate your support with this endeavor and hope you find the campaign innovative and useful

Sincerely,

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- Website
- Letters to National Affiliates
- Connection with local and national organizations on social media
- Word-of-mouth at pediatric conferences
- Organizations with large following to help spread word to target audiences (UI Children's Hospital)

Social Media

Facebook Page

- Connects with PEOPLE in organizations
- Benefits
 - User friendly for parents
 - Tracks "Likes" and Reach of posts
 - Longer posts with more detail and contact information
 - Pictures on links
- Drawbacks
 - Reach depends on number of "likes" on page and on people sharing



Twitter

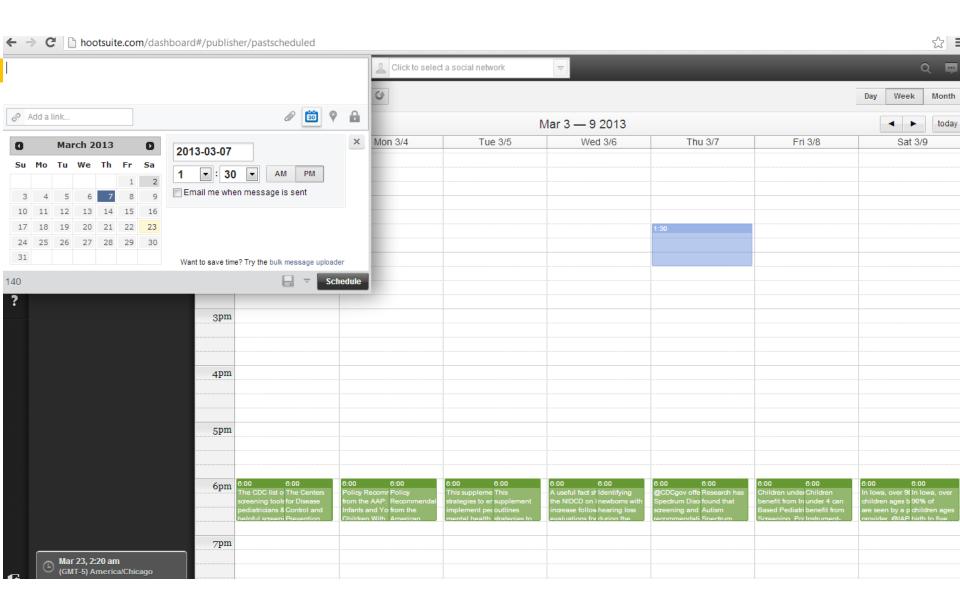
- Connects with ORGANIZATIONS and VIPs
- Benefits
 - Brevity of posts
 - Easier to connect with target audience through hash tags (#AAP2012) and re-tweets
- Drawbacks
 - 140 character posts lack key information and cumbersome to get point across
 - Only as popular as your most popular follower



Hootsuite

- Social Media Dashboard
- Manage all social media outlets in one place
- Schedule posts to reduce labor of entering posts daily
- Custom Reports and Analytics
- Drawbacks
 - Cannot tag Facebook organization pages and must know
 Tag for Twitter
 - More work on the backside to schedule all posts
 - Some reports require "points" (Hootsuite Pro costs money)
 - Learning curve to navigate

Hootsuite Publisher

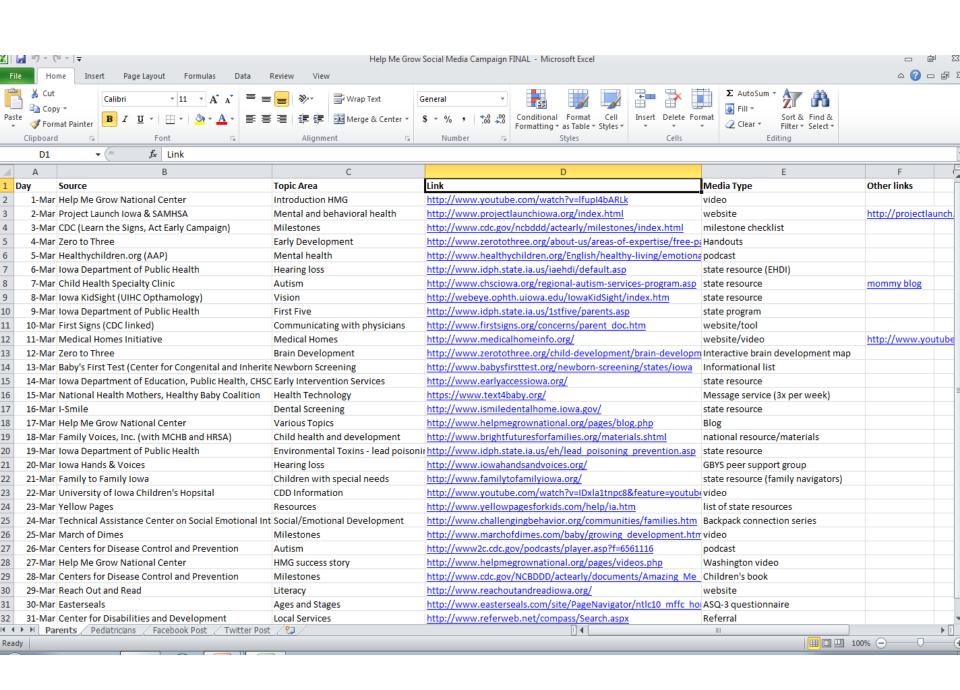


Research and Design

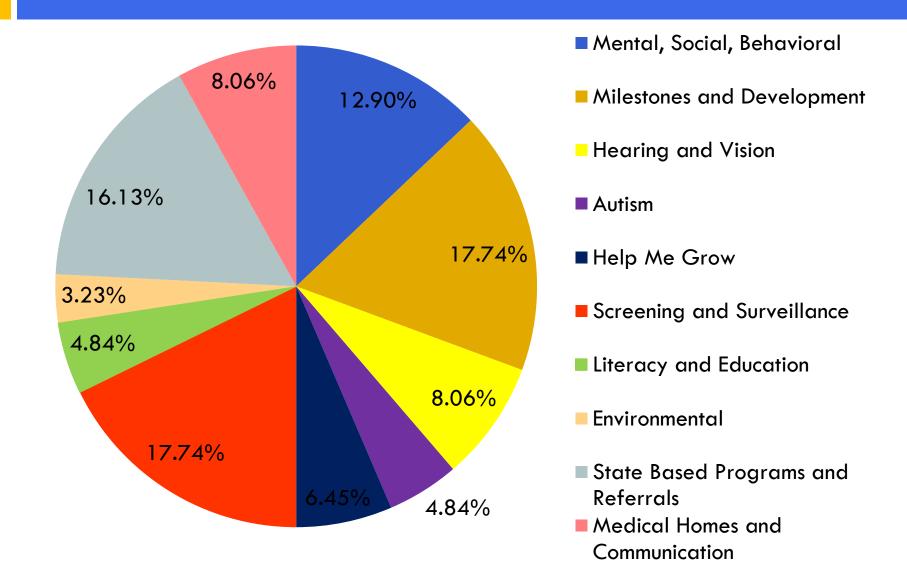
Research



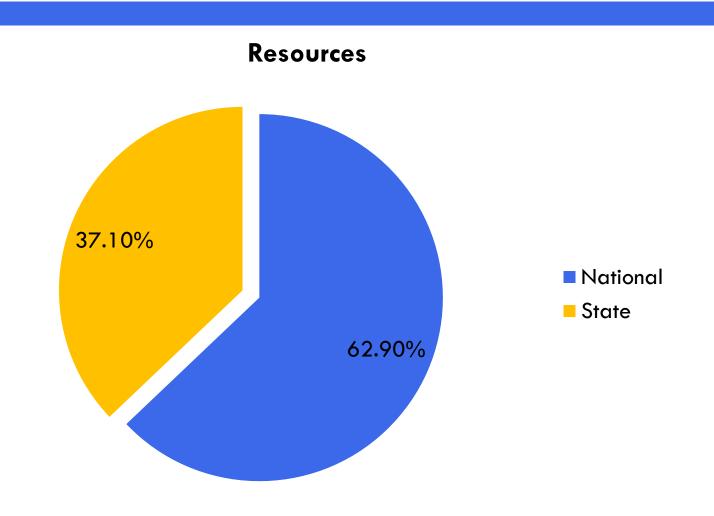
- Reputable sources (CDC Learn the Signs, Act Early Campaign, HMG, Pediatrics)
- All state resources available
- Variety of topic areas and types of media
- Organization
 - Choose best resources for each audience
 - Excel File
- □ Time
 - Research and organization took 30-40 hours
 - Writing posts took an additional 20 hours



Topics Addressed



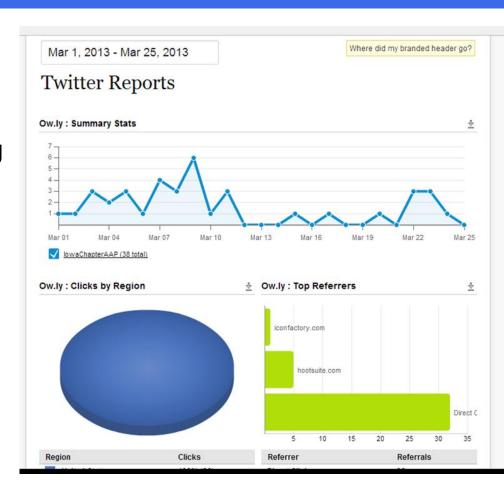
Iowa Specific vs. National Resources



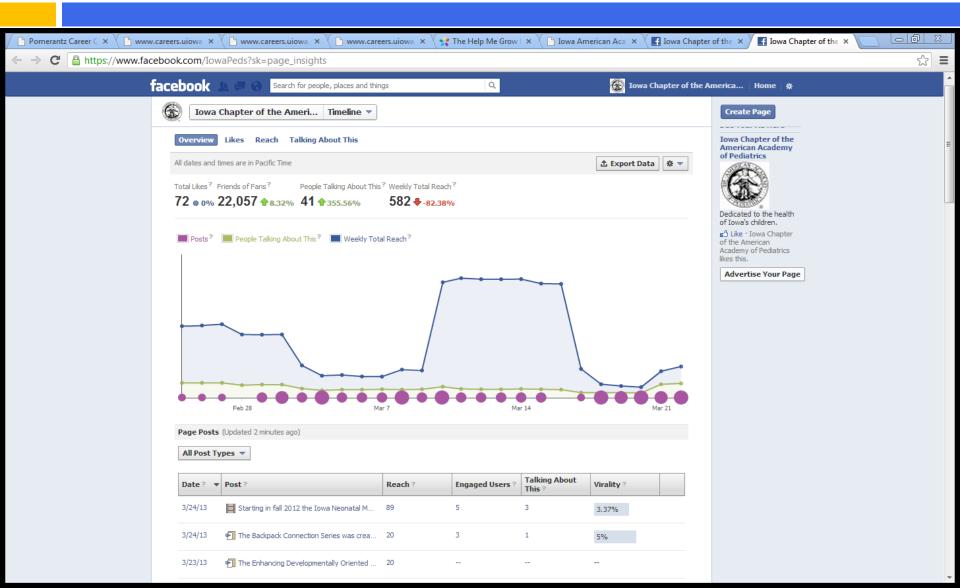
Analytics and Tracking

- Facebook Analytics
 - Reach
 - Engaged Users/Talking About This
 - Virality
 - Can export data to Excel

Hootsuite Report of Twitter "Clicks"



Facebook



Most Successful Posts

Facebook

Children under 4 can benefit from Instrument-Based Pediatric Vision Screening. Read this policy statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics to learn why!

Twitter

 lowa Kidsight offers free vision screening for infants and young children in all 99 counties of lowa!
 @Ulchildrens

Successes and Lessons Learned

Successes

- Increased number of "Likes" and Followers
 - 17 new "Likes" on Facebook Page
 - 24 new Followers on Twitter
 - Increase the number of people talking about our Page by 355%
- Compiled resources in one place for future referrals
- Preliminary feedback from colleagues has been positive
 - professional, informative and relevant

Challenges and Areas for Improvement

- Reach was limited
 - Build up following before campaign begins ("Like" campaign)
 - Personal connections with state agencies
- Know audience and tailor
- Information overload
 - Spread out over longer period of time
- Twitter create own hashtag to promote or tie to existing hashtag
- Time posts with relevant events and days (World Autism Awareness Day)

Lessons Learned

- Expanding reach in advance is key
- Clearly define target audience
 - Focus on either parents or pediatricians
- Campaign Fatigue
 - Quality not quantity and keep it simple
 - Message should be unique and interesting (avoid repetition)
- Social Media takes time!

Plans for the Future



- Archive
 - HMG National Page
 - lowa AAP website
- Evaluation
 - Reach and Exposure
 - Content Usefulness and Appropriateness
 - Satisfaction
 - Outcomes (number of parents connected with resources, number of pediatricians who utilized screening tools in practice)

Thank you!

