



News from *Help Me Grow* National

New Post from Dr. Dworkin's *Help Me Grow* Blog: Informing the National Discourse

This month, Dr. Dworkin reports on an inspiring and deeply encouraging meeting he and Joanna Bogin attended with federal officials and community leaders in Washington, D.C. The Center for the Study of Social Policy hosted the meeting. "The optimism expressed by federal agency leaders was palpable and so inspiring," he writes. "Indeed, leaders...were unanimous in their belief that 'now is the time' to support children and their families to promote children's optimal healthy development." [Read the full blog post here.](#)

The Role of the Nonprofit Sector in Collective Impact Forum/Webcast

On April 18, 2013, 8:30 – 10:30, the Chapin Hall Child and Family Policy Forum will present a forum and live webcast on the role of the nonprofit sector in collective impact to address social challenges. This forum will discuss several examples of how strong leadership within the nonprofit sector has the potential to create and test new ideas in ways that can complement and strengthen child and family policy, and identifies the challenges the sector faces moving forward. [Learn more about the workshop here](#), and [click here to register for the live webcast](#).

HRSA DataSpeak Web Conference:

"Findings from 2011-12 National Survey of Children's Health"

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is pleased to announce the next DataSpeak web conference titled "Findings from the 2011-2012 National Survey of Children's Health" (NSCH). This program will take place on April 16, 2013, 3:00 p.m. – 4 p.m., ET. Presentations will include key findings from the new survey; the methods and design behind the NSCH; and how participants can jump start their use of the new NSCH data using the resources available on the Data Resource Center's website. [Please click here to register for this event.](#)

[Help Me Grow Orange County Receives Care Coordination Grant](#)

HMG OC has received a grant from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health that will allow them to improve care coordination for children with special health care needs (CSHCN). The grant will run from April 1, 2013, to September 30, 2014. The *HMG* OC project, titled "Orange County Care Coordination for Kids," will assess CSHCN needs in the county and pilot test a process to identify, track and review cases of families of CSHCN to help connect them to services and increase communication between providers. [Click here to learn more about the *HMG* OC grant.](#)

[News Article: Addressing Mental Health Needs Early](#)

A recent article in [The CT Mirror](#) explores the importance of addressing mental health needs in early childhood. Dr. Paul Dworkin is quoted in the article, noting that, "[i]f we're really talking about having an impact and making a difference and lessening the need, the real opportunity there is in prevention." [Read the entire article here.](#)

[Oklahoma Success: Identifying Kids at Risk for Developmental Delay](#)

Through ABCD and Setting the Stage, Oklahoma improved identification of children at risk for developmental delay. [Oklahoma's ABCD III](#) project created county teams of service providers with local ownership of referral and feedback processes, supported practice improvement and developed a referral and feedback web portal to support Medicaid's medical homes. Laura McGuinn, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center noted, "In the portal's first 16 months, we've shaved off over a month's time in closing the communication loop." [Learn more about Oklahoma's successful initiative here.](#)

[Pennsylvania Creates Interactive Learning Tool for Parents](#)

Pennsylvania's [Promise for Children](#) has created an interactive tool that helps families learn what they can do to help their infants learn and grow. The Infant Early Learning GPS (Guiding Parents Smoothly) is designed as an online quiz that has users answer questions in four areas – your child's brain, your child's development, you and your child, and when your child is not with you – and offers customized tips and resources based on their answers. [Explore this new tool here.](#)