



News from *Help Me Grow* National

[New Report on Business Engagement for Early Childhood](#)

A new report, titled [Championing Success: Business Organizations for Early Childhood Investments](#), from [ReadyNation](#) and the American Chamber of Commerce Executives finds that since 2007 at least one state chamber of commerce, large city chamber, or state business roundtable in 44 states has publicly supported early childhood policy or program initiatives. Survey findings also revealed that early childhood—traditionally viewed as a family or social services issue—has become more of an education and economic development issue for businesses. [Click here to read and share](#) the report.

[2013 Business Leader Summer on Early Childhood Investment](#)

Registration is now open for [2013 National Business Leader Summit on Early Childhood Investment](#) in Atlanta, Georgia from September 22 - 23. The summit is a gathering of senior business people and public officials to expand the business voice for early childhood in order to build the workforce and customer base our nation needs. This event will provide ideas and tools for business leaders to use in their own states, as well as enable them to participate in the national debate. Visit the [summit page to register](#).

[New In-Person Version of Online Training in Protective Factors Framework](#)

The Strengthening Families Leadership Team in Michigan recently worked with the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds to develop and pilot a training of trainers in an in-person version of the Alliance's popular [online training](#) in the Protective Factors Framework. The Alliance is very pleased to issue an invitation to participate in a three-day training of trainers to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah on June 18 - 20, 2013. Learn more [here](#).

From *HMG* partner Zero to Three's "The Baby Monitor: Policy & Advocacy News"

[Impact of Severe Neglect on Infants & Toddlers](#)

The Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University released a new working paper, [Science of Neglect: The Persistent Absence of Responsive Care Disrupts the Developing](#)

[Brain](#). This paper explains why severe neglect can cause more harm to the development of young children than overt physical abuse, why neglect is so harmful in the earliest years of life, and why preventive efforts and effective interventions are important in helping to ensure better long-term outcomes in learning, health, and parenting of the next generation.

Depression in Low-Income Mothers of Young Children

A new brief from the Urban Institute looks at the prevalence of major depression in mothers of young children. [Depression in Low-Income Mothers of Young Children: Are They Getting the Treatment They Need?](#) uses data from the National Survey of Drug Use and Health to estimate the prevalence, severity, and treatment of major depression among low-income mothers with young children (ages 0-5). Results found that one out of eleven low-income mothers with young children had a major depressive episode in the past year and nearly one-third did not report receiving any treatment.

Strengthening Families: Protective Factors

The Center for the Study of Social Policy released a series of one-pagers about protective and promotive factors. Each brief addresses one of five factors: parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete support in times of need, and social-emotional competence of children. Download the briefs [here](#).

Paper on State Investments in Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health

[Nurturing Change: State Strategies for Improving Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health](#) (I-ECMH) provides actionable models for addressing common barriers to healthy social-emotional development. The policy paper, produced by Zero to Three, profiles six states: California, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The authors look at strategies that states have employed to address I-ECMH access, delivery, financing, evidence-base, and systems-level issues across the promotion, prevention, and treatment continuum. [The paper is available here](#).

Webinar: State Strategies for Improving Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health

On Wednesday, June 5, at 2 p.m., the Zero to Three Policy Center will lead a webinar on state strategies for improving Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (I-ECMH). At its core, I-ECMH suffers from a fundamental lack of understanding by policymakers best positioned to nurture change. Representatives from Wisconsin and Florida will discuss their states' work to take a proactive and comprehensive approach, infuse I-ECMH into other systems, and develop financing mechanisms to support services. [Click here to register](#).

New York Times article on Poverty as a Childhood Disease

[Reach Out and Read](#)'s National Medical Director, [Perri Klass](#), MD. She writes in the New York Times about [Poverty as a Childhood Disease](#) after attending the Pediatric Academic Society's annual meeting in early May in Washington, D.C. At the meeting there was a new call for pediatricians to address childhood poverty as a national problem. "Poverty in this country is now likely to define many children's life trajectories in the harshest terms," Dr. Klass writes, "[including] poor academic achievement, high dropout rates, and health problems from obesity and diabetes to heart disease, substance abuse and mental illness.

Child Trends Releases New Research Emphasizing Evidence-Based Programs for Children and Youth

Three new research briefs recently released from [Child Trends](#) suggest that it's not enough to invest in child and youth development programs that have been shown to work--we need to identify and invest in the components that make these programs work better. The [first brief](#) introduces key themes that emerged during a convening of leading practitioners and researchers. The [second brief](#) identifies factors that impact implementation and discusses the steps that lead to quality implementation. The [third brief](#) discusses the process of identifying, operationalizing and implementing the components of interventions that are likely to produce positive outcomes.

Introducing “Say Ahhh!” Health Care Policy Blog

“[Say Ahhh!](#)” is a health care policy blog by Georgetown University’s Center for Children and Families, an independent, nonpartisan policy and research center dedicated to expanding and improving health coverage for America’s children and families. Recent posts cover [Arkansas and Medicaid reform](#); emerging policies on [dental coverage for kids](#); and [children and exchange coverage](#). Thanks to Beth Johns, [writer of the excellent HMG Alabama blog](#), for sharing this valuable resource!