



News from *Help Me Grow* National

New Post from Dr. Dworkin's *Help Me Grow* Blog: Reducing the Burden of Adversity

This month, Dr. Dworkin reports on a recent symposium at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Pediatric Academic Societies in Washington, D.C. The symposium "offered compelling and impressive new evidence on the extent to which the biological embedding of early childhood adversity can have deleterious and even catastrophic effects on children's development and well-being," he writes. [Read the full blog post here.](#)

New Brief on *Help Me Grow* and Medicaid

Charles Bruner, executive director of the Child and Family Policy Center and presenter at the 2013 *Help Me Grow* National Forum, has prepared a [three-page summary \(pdf\)](#) that covers existing and potential opportunities for Medicaid financing for *Help Me Grow*. This summary includes salient information from his 2013 Forum presentation, "Policy Implications." [Click here to download the pdf.](#)

Final ABCD Alumni Webinar June 18

After nearly thirteen years the Assuring Better Child Health and Development (ABCD) Program is coming to its conclusion. This final ABCD Alumni-only webinar, Tuesday, June 18, from 1 - 2 p.m. Eastern, features brief remarks from both the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) and The Commonwealth Fund on the legacy of ABCD; and speakers from Oregon who participated in the ABCD Screening. ABCD Alumni will also have the opportunity to ask questions and share current early childhood health and development initiatives ongoing in their states. [Click here to register.](#)

First-ever CDC Report on Children's Mental Health in U.S.

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) announces the release of CDC's first-ever comprehensive report on children's mental health in the United States. "[Mental Health Surveillance among Children in the United States, 2005-2011](#)," published as a supplement in The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), describes federal efforts to monitor childhood mental disorders, and presents estimates of the number of children ages 3 to 17 years who have specific mental disorders. [Click here to read key findings from the report.](#)

[New Tipsheet on Working with Children with ASD](#)

The Administration for Children & Families and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development have compiled a list of tips for early childhood providers working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Some of the top researchers in the country offer helpful tips and concepts to embed in everyday routines. The tips are based on concepts of learning and development that can be worked into everyday routines. [Click here to download the tipsheet.](#)

[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!

[AAP Partners on New Resource on Learning Difficulties & Disabilities](#)

The AAP has partnered with the National Center for Learning Disabilities and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners to develop the LD Navigator, a free comprehensive resource guide about learning difficulties and disabilities (LD) for pediatric health care professionals. The online hub is a unique and easily accessible way to navigate a child's LD and delivers evidence-based tools and strategies into the hands of busy pediatric healthcare professionals. [Click here to access this new resource.](#)

[New Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers Scoring Guidelines](#)

A recent study by the M-CHAT developers, published in the March 2013 issue of *Pediatrics*, has resulted in new scoring guidelines for the M-CHAT. [Download the study and to read highlights](#) compiled by First 5 Alameda County, an HMG affiliate.

[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](#).