



## News from *Help Me Grow* National

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### National Center News

*New Blog Post from Paul Dworkin, M.D.*

#### **The Power of Town & Gown: Collaboration in Early Childhood System Building**

This past year, the [College of Education of Niagara University in Western New York](#) became **the first higher education institution to serve as a *Help Me Grow* organizing entity**. [Read more](#) about this new avenue for collaboration in early childhood system building.

#### ***Help Me Grow* National Webinar Archives**

Missed one of the recent *HMG* Webinars? Visit the [Webinar Archive](#) on the affiliate section of the website (right hand toolbox panel) to listen to the recordings or download the presentations and materials.

Yesterday's webinar recording, "Securing *Help Me Grow* Funding in Your State Budget" is ready to view!

#### **Reminder: *Help Me Grow* Manual Now Online**

*HMG* National is thrilled to announce that the first edition of the *Help Me Grow* Manual is now available at the Affiliate Toolbox of [www.helpmegrownational.org](http://www.helpmegrownational.org). The Affiliate Toolbox has been completely overhauled to match the organization of the Manual. Both projects intend to make it easier for affiliates to find the information and resources they need to replicate and grow a *Help Me Grow* system.

## **Congratulations ICS!**

### **Institute for Child Success Provides Details About New Pay for Success Initiative to Support Early Childhood Outcomes**

The Institute for Child Success (ICS) has received funding from the Social Innovation Fund, to deploy three chief strategies to build capacity in the early childhood community for PFS financing: technical assistance, convening, and information sharing.

ICS will provide technical assistance to twelve jurisdictions across the country looking to develop PFS financing for early childhood interventions. [Click here for more information.](#)

## **Alabama Project LAUNCH Grant Approved**

Congratulations are due to *Help Me Grow* Alabama upon the approval of the state's Project LAUNCH grant. Project LAUNCH will allow for the expansion of the *HMG* system across the state, as it will help address LAUNCH' score strategies of screening and assessment of young children and successful referral to community-based services. Read more at [www.helpmegrownational.org](http://www.helpmegrownational.org).

## **CDC: Most Children Miss Out On Developmental Screening**

The Centers for Disease Control recently released new a new report highlighting that the vast majority of American children may not be receiving recommended developmental screenings. Analysis of 2007 data found that only 21.1 % of parents (of children 10-47 months) reported being asked to complete a developmental screening in the last year. Low rates of screening are a main reason why nearly 30% of children with developmental concerns entering Kindergarten have not yet been identified. [Read the report.](#)

## **Screening Children—and Parents—for ACEs**

[ACEs Too High News](#), a website covering research about Adverse Childhood Experiences, recently reported on a number of pediatric practices and child health centers that screen children, sometimes their parents, for ACEs. Included in the report is *Help Me Grow* Oregon Physician Champion R.J. Gillespie. [Read the full story on the power of ACEs screening.](#)

## CT Office of Early Childhood Releases Developmental Screening Infographic

The Connecticut OEC has designed an infographic to communicate the purpose and importance of developmental screening. It is a powerful resource for both child health provider and community outreach, from parents to service providers. [View the infographic.](#)