

# Help Me Grow<sup>®</sup>

## NATIONAL NETWORK

# NEW JERSEY



### PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

NJ DCF is partnering with NJ 2-1-1 to launch the statewide *Help Me Grow* phone line in May of 2016. NJ 2-1-1 will link callers to the local county level central intake hubs for care coordination. The 21 county-level central intake hubs are supported by NJ Departments of Children & Families (DCF), and Health (DOH).

### OUR HMG SYSTEM

#### HELP ME GROW CORE COMPONENTS

- Child Health Provider Outreach** HMG NJ has an active state-level Physician/Healthcare Provider Workgroup that is co-led with the AAP-NJ Chapter. This group works to strengthen developmental screening and referral linkages between pediatric medical home and community based providers (home visiting, early intervention, child care, etc.).
- Family and Community Outreach** State-level outreach is aligned with the NJ Council for Young Children (NJCYC), the state early childhood advisory council. The NJCYC Infant Child Health Committee is a cross sector stakeholder group that supports the work of HMG NJ, as well as NJ's other federal systems grants (see Funding Sources). At the local level each county has a central intake stakeholder group that partners with a local County Council for Young Children (county-level parent partner/ community provider action committee).
- Centralized Phone Access Point** Over the past year, NJ DCF HMG staff developed an HMG Central Phone Line implementation plan, and prepared scripts, training and phases for the HMG central phone line launch. The phases of the launch are organized by target population of pregnant women, children birth to 3 years, and families with developmental concerns for children birth to 3 years. The NJ DCF HMG team will provide technical assistance, monitor, assess, adapt and support the process of linking families from NJ 2-1-1 to CI (the HMG NJ system), until all three targets populations are linked within the system. Learn the Signs. Act Early. materials will help market and promote early linkages of the early childhood population to the HMG central access point. This design will ensure that families are referred to local services that match their needs, including health, behavioral health, home visiting, early care & education, early intervention, and social services.
- Data Collection & Analysis** NJ utilizes the SPECT (Single Point of Entry Client Tracking System) database for the County level central Intake (CI) referral tracking. Currently prenatal providers refer to CI within this system. Programming is being done to the system to allow for electronic referrals from Community Providers. NJ 2-1-1 will pilot these efforts upon programming completion by Fall 2016.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF HMG

HMG NJ will provide statewide access that serves all 21 counties through a county-level central intake system.

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Developmental Promotion, Early Detection & Linkage to Services