

# Help Me Grow<sup>®</sup>

## NATIONAL NETWORK

# WEST VIRGINIA



### PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

*Help Me Grow* is a fully functioning statewide affiliate in its 4th year of program implementation. However, current staff vacancies are impacting growth.

### OUR HMG SYSTEM

*WV Help Me Grow* has acquired a Physician Champion (Dr. Mary Payne) pediatric neurologist. Dr. Payne will be presenting at the WV American Academy of Pediatrics meeting held in April 2016 "Resources for Children with Developmental Disabilities."

Home Visitation has intentionally embedded *WV HMG* within their program to support areas of the state where home visitation services may be unavailable.

Systems Point of Entry serves as the centralized information, education, and referral center for the Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health (OMCFH). The OMCFH administration has always stressed the importance of informing families of available services and resources to assist in meeting their needs. It was a natural decision that *WV Help Me Grow* be a part of this centralized phone access and referral system already in place.

*WV Help Me Grow* maintains a database of service requests for tracking, follow-up, reporting, program planning, evaluation, and monitoring purposes. This assists *WV Help Me Grow* assess current and future community needs for services.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF HMG

Statewide

## FAST FACTS

AFFILIATE SINCE  
**2012**

PROGRAM MANAGER  
**Linda Shaffer, Director,  
Systems Point of Entry  
800-642-8522**

ORGANIZING ENTITY / LEAD AGENCY  
**Office of Maternal, Child and  
Family Health**

WEBSITE  
**[wvdhhr.wv.gov/helpmegrow](http://wvdhhr.wv.gov/helpmegrow)**

HMG CALL CENTER  
**800-642-8522**

FUNDING SOURCES  
**West Virginia Home Visitation  
Program; Office of Maternal, Child  
and Family Health**



ADVANCING

Developmental Promotion, Early Detection & Linkage to Services