



# Help Me Grow<sup>®</sup>

## NATIONAL NETWORK

# WESTERN NEW YORK



### PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

*Help Me Grow* WNY (*HMGWNY*) fully implemented the *HMG* system model in May 2015 in Erie and Niagara Counties. We are refining systems while working with state agencies and other regions to develop a comprehensive, sustainable framework that will allow for replication across New York.

### OUR *HMG* SYSTEM

*Help Me Grow* WNY is a system that builds on existing community resources to provide early identification and family support for children from birth to five years old.

*HMGWNY* is poised for replication due to the creation of a regional hub built on key cross-sector partnerships (e.g., early care and education, mental health, family support services, early intervention, and child health services). We are working on a systems integration approach to minimize duplication of service and enhance comprehensive referral and connection processes for families and caregivers.

Unique aspects of the *HMGWNY* model include integration within the child care and education fields. Child care providers are trained in ASQ interpretation and differentiated instruction based on ASQ results. Higher education institutions train students in human services fields to administer the ASQ and also provide support for program evaluation and advocacy.

*HMGWNY* works with public school systems to ensure proper screening takes place at time of pre-k registration to earlier identify children requiring extra support and services prior to start of school, as well as providing training and support to teachers.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF *HMG*

*HMGWNY* is fully operational in two out of the 62 counties in New York State and is currently working to implement *HMG* in three additional counties. Key partnerships serve as the foundation for replication. With participation from agencies connected to state systems, such as Child Care Resource Network, Early Intervention, United Way, 2-1-1, Healthy Families, and Early Childhood Direction Center, counties can replicate the *HMGWNY* system relying on existing community resources and sustainable funding streams.

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