

Help Me Grow National Forum 2018

Call for Proposals

3 Ways to Participate



Opportunities to contribute to the **9th Annual HMG National Forum** on April 4-6, 2018 in Seattle, Washington will include Breakout Sessions, Innovation Consultation, and a Poster and Networking Session. **A brief video overviewing these opportunities is available [here](#).**

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Breakout Sessions will allow presenters to engage a targeted audience around a topic relevant to the Help Me Grow (HMG) system model; early childhood health & development; and system building & collective impact. Breakout sessions will be offered during three 60-minute periods throughout the Forum and will be organized according to three content themes: *Help Me Grow Implementation*, *Continuous System Improvement*, and *Sustainability & Funding*. Priority will be given to ensure a robust and balanced number of presentations across all themes, should a disproportionate number of proposals be submitted for one of the three themes. All proposals are encouraged to address associated strategies related to the *engagement and empowerment of families*, *promotion of equity*, and *use of data and evaluation*. Applications are open to HMG affiliates and their state/local partners, and national partners. Applicants can submit more than one Breakout proposal, and each will be reviewed by the Forum Planning Committee on relevance, timeliness, level of anticipated interest and practical application. Breakout applications not accepted will be encouraged to share the proposed content as part of the Poster & Networking Session.

Innovation Consultation will provide HMG affiliates (only) the opportunity to participate in a brief structured individual consultation session with key experts in the innovation and early childhood arena. Consultation sessions are ideal for affiliates with a promising concept, idea, or model that would benefit from tailored guidance or feedback. HMG affiliates must be the lead applicant for Innovation Consultation and can submit more than one application. Each will be reviewed on the clarity of the idea or concept, alignment of the innovation to the HMG mission and model, and potential to address a known gap or create a needed improvement.

Applications for Breakout Sessions and Innovation Consultation are available [here](#) and due Friday, December 22, 2017. Applicants will be notified of proposal decisions in February 2018.

POSTER REGISTRATION

Poster & Networking Session will enable attendees to showcase progress, accomplishments, results and more from their early childhood system. Posters will be displayed during a dedicated networking time to allow Forum attendees to ask questions and learn from each other. Each affiliate is strongly encouraged to submit at least one poster, and are welcome to include and engage local partners in the content and presentation of the poster, including but not limited to, university students and community members. The poster submission process is open to all Forum attendees and multiple poster submissions are allowed. Contributing author(s) must submit a description of each poster to the National Center for inclusion in the Forum program, as well as design, print and set up posters on site.

Registration for the Poster and Networking Session is available [here](#) and due Friday, December 22, 2017.

Questions on Forum proposals can be submitted on Slack. Just [log onto the HMG Slack channel](#) and use hashtag #2018NationalForum. Answers will be posted on a regular basis through December 22, 2017.