

# Forum 2019

## Ways to Get Engaged

Help Me Grow affiliates are the heart and soul of the National Forum. Here is a brief overview of opportunities for affiliates to participate at this year's Forum.

### **FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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The Forum Planning Committee (FPC) provides an exciting opportunity for affiliates to represent the goals, interests, and needs of the Affiliate Network in the design and implementation of key activities to ensure that the Forum engages and supports affiliates in the implementation, sustainability, and continuous quality improvement of the HMG system model. This year the National Center looks forward to establishing a FPC that can build on the successful contributions of previous Committees and also bring new ideas and strategies that maximize the Forum experience for all attendees. The FPC roles, responsibilities, commitment, incentive and application process are outlined in the attached FPC overview. Applications are **due October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, with notification to selected members anticipated by early November.**

### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

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**Poster & Networking Session** will enable every HMG affiliate, as well as HMG partners, to showcase progress, accomplishments, and innovative approaches from their early childhood systems. Each affiliate submits a description of their poster to the National Center for inclusion in the Forum Agenda (all accepted). Posters are then designed, printed and set up by contributing author(s).

**Breakout Sessions** will allow presenters to engage a targeted audience around a topic relevant to the HMG system model, early childhood health and system building. To maximize the number of opportunities for Forum attendees to share and exchange expertise, Breakout Sessions will be offered in three 75-minute sessions through this year's Forum. Applications are open to affiliates, affiliate and national partners, as well as the National Center, and will be reviewed by the FPC according to criteria such as relevance, timeliness, level of anticipated interest and practical application.

The Call for Proposals for both of the above opportunities will be released in **November**. Breakout proposals will be due **mid-January**, to allow time for review and selection; Poster descriptions will not be due until **April**.