

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Help Me Grow National Center and Childhood Prosperity Lab (the Lab) are collaborating to identify and elevate emerging best practices related to the Help Me Grow Centralized Access Point (HMG CAP). Examples of such practices could include but are not limited to: novel ways of engaging families whether through text, mobile platforms, and parenting chat groups; expanding data sharing mechanisms between the HMG CAP and other organizations across the early childhood system; and maximizing use of data to inform understanding of gaps, barriers, and the degree to which HMG is accessible by all families.

This project will be divided into two phases. Phase one will enable the formation of a dedicated working group that will identify, document, and review emerging best practices deployed by the National Affiliate Network. To support this identification, workgroup members will be provided with information collected through the annual HMG Fidelity Assessment and will have the opportunity to create additional data gathering mechanisms, such as interviews or surveys, if needed. During Phase two, we will increase the visibility of these strategies with the National Affiliate Network. Such strategies include promoting broad visibility of identified promising approaches through publications and presentations, as well as, in the next year, a dedicated Community of Practice designed to support uptake of one or more identified practices.

We seek representatives from and key partners of the National Affiliate Network to participate in the working group and support the National Center as we strive to enhance the durability and responsiveness of the HMG CAP. Investing approximately seven hours per month, working group members will:

- Participate in virtual meetings and conference calls;
- Review materials and resources related to the HMG CAP;
- Identify and discuss innovative strategies that enhance the HMG CAP's ability to effectively serve families and providers;
- Share materials and resources with the National Center, Lab, and other working group participants;
- Co-develop materials that will be made available to the National Affiliate Network and external partners;
- Make recommendations to strengthen the HMG CAP.
- Receive a modest stipend to support their participation.

We seek to curate a working group that reflects the diversity within the National Affiliate Network. It is important the working group is composed of affiliates at different stages of implementation and that both affiliates and other participants offer a range of experiences, expertise, and skills. Those interested in participating in the working group should submit a letter of intent that highlights the following, in three pages or less:

- Briefly describe your ideal HMG CAP;
- Experience working with or leading your community's HMG CAP;

- One innovative feature of the HMG CAP you influenced, designed, and/or evaluated with supporting materials, if available;
- Opportunities to strengthen the HMG CAP;
- Why you want to participate in the working group;
- Your value contribution to the working group;
- The value you seek to gain from the working group;
- Confirm whether or not you are available to participate in Orientation on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm EST.

While it is not a requirement that you be part of the National Affiliate Network to participate, your Letter of Intent should demonstrate sufficient knowledge of Help Me Grow, and specifically the Centralized Access Point, in order to ensure meaningful participation.

Please submit questions and letters of intent to Jacquelyn Rose at the Childhood Prosperity Lab (jrose01@connecticutchildrens.org) by close of business Friday, May 8, 2020. If you wish to share novel strategies being deployed in your CAP, but do not wish to participate in the working group, please complete this [form](#).