

*HMG System Readiness Assessment*

**Thank you for completing this survey. The HMG System Readiness Assessment captures information on the structures and efforts in place currently that may serve to found the core components of the HMG system model. The Readiness Assessment can be used to guide the Work Group's environmental scanning efforts and also serve as a reporting tool to both the HMG National Center and your HMG Leadership Team.**

**Please provide answers to each of the questions below. It is advisable that the full Work Group be allowed contribution to these questions. Please note the questions span multiple pages.**

\* 1. Name of lead respondent

\* 2. Title

\* 3. Organization

\* 4. State

\* 5. County/Community

6. Email address

7. How did you and your partners first learn of HMG?

\* 8. Are the responses reported in this questionnaire informed by the entirety of membership participating in the HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach Work Group?

- Yes
- No
- If not, please elaborate.

\* 9. For how long has this Work Group been meeting around HMG?

- 1-2 months
- 3-4 months
- Over 5 months
- Has not met yet

\* 10. Does this Work Group feel adequately supported and/or have sufficient knowledge related to the Help Me Grow model, the core component of focus, and their role/responsibilities in order to complete this Assessment?

- Yes, we feel adequately supported and sufficiently knowledgeable
- Yes, we feel adequately supported and sufficiently knowledgeable
- We feel only partially supported and feel our knowledge is not entirely sufficient
- We feel unsupported and do not have sufficient knowledge

\* 11. Please identify the support activities this Work Group has conducted or received in completing this Assessment?

- Reviewed sections of the Help Me Grow Manual related to this core component
- Met or connected with our lead Help Me Grow coordinators
- Met or connected with our Help Me Grow Leadership Team
- Received a Work Group orientation webinar (or the materials from that webinar) from the National Center
- Explored resources on the affiliate side of the Help Me Grow National website
- Connected with Help Me Grow National Center
- Reviewed the National Center's Help Me Grow Data Collection & Reporting Guidelines
- Connected with other Help Me Grow affiliates

\* 12. With which of the other HMG Work Groups has yours intentionally coordinated?

Through in-person joint meetings, cross-membership, and/or standardized communication channels and feedback loops.

- Centralized Access Point
- Family & Community Outreach
- Data Collection & Analysis
- None of the above

Please describe how your Work Group coordinated its implementation planning and completion of this Assessment with the other Work Groups.

HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach is one of the four core components of the HMG system model.

Child health care providers are uniquely positioned to identify developmentally vulnerable children as they have near universal access to young children that provides ongoing monitoring of children's developmental status, as well-child health care includes developmental promotion and early identification through periodic screening. However, child health care providers often face challenges in identifying early signs of developmental or behavioral concerns, and even when needs are recognized, keeping comprehensive and updated information on community-facing services is difficult and lastly, successful connection to those programs is time-consuming. The formidable challenges of facilitating connections to needed services can be daunting for busy practitioners and potentially discourage early detection efforts.

The HMG system supports community-based pediatricians by enhancing their effective developmental promotion and early detection activities for all children and families. This support is provided through educating and motivating providers to conduct systematic surveillance and screening of young children, as well as providing community-based pediatricians with access to a centralized access point that can serve as a care coordination arm for busy pediatric primary care practices. In doing so, HMG partners with pediatricians to ensure effective linkage to appropriate programs and services.

#### Four Key Activities of HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach

1. **HMG Physician Champion:** Serves a key role in the development, spread, and sustainability of a HMG system by giving the system credibility and authority, particularly for the physician community. Physician champions with strong connections to university medical schools and a background in developmental-behavioral medicine are often great matches for Help Me Grow. Other affiliates have found that retired physicians are also interested in serving in this capacity. Specific duties of the physician champion often include:
  - o Attending outreach trainings at doctors' offices as available
  - o Promoting HMG to physician community to help bridge sector gap
  - o Attending and presenting Help Me Grow at state AAP or other pediatric meetings
2. **Conduct targeted outreach to child health care providers:** HMG staff and/or partners outreach child health care providers through office based education, trainings, and/or workshops on effective developmental screening and surveillance. Operationalized through office based education, trainings, and workshops on developmental surveillance and screening, as well as linkage and referral through the HMG centralized access point.
3. **Advance rates of developmental surveillance and screening:** Developmental screening is an indispensable tool for detecting children at developmental risk, but it is of value only to the extent that it is paired with developmental surveillance and linkage to appropriate and effective programs

and services. The Help Me Grow system is designed to support pediatricians in their screening efforts by serving as the be that necessary link between surveillance, screening, and connection to resources.

**4. Closing the feedback loop with physicians: Actually completed by the Centralized Access Point, yet crucial to physicians' continued engagement within the HMG system.**

13. Please describe the child health provider landscape in the geographic area that is considering HMG implementation. How many pediatric practices exist? What is the primary demographic and payor mix? Is there a local or regional children's hospital that is or could be a partner in this work?

14. Are physicians conducting sufficient screening and surveillance in the community?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

15. What data sources do you have access to that inform estimates of physician screening rates?

16. If you are planning to install HMG in pilot regions, for which pilot counties are these data available?

17. If physician screening is not currently sufficient, what are the barriers to screening?

18. If you are planning to install HMG in pilot regions, to what extent do the barriers described above vary by county?

19. Is there an existing agency or agencies that currently manages and coordinates outreach efforts to child health care providers? Examples of outreach efforts include providing training and resources to child health providers.

Yes

No

20. If Yes, please list these agencies, their geographic location/service area, and describe their current aligned efforts to the HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach objectives and activities.

21. Is there an existing agency or agencies that conduct trainings on developmental screening to child health care providers?

Yes

No

22. If Yes, please list these agencies, their geographic location/service area, and describe their current efforts to promote developmental screening.

23. Has this Work Group connected with the Family & Community Outreach Work Group around strategies and approaches to connect/align outreach efforts in order to maximize efficiency and most effectively engage child health care providers in the HMG system?

Yes

No

If not, please share why not.

24. Is there an existing agency or agencies that serve to provide professional development or Maintenance of Certification opportunities to child health care providers?

Yes

No

25. If Yes, please list these agencies, their geographic location/service area, and briefly describe the nature of their work.

26. Is there a local AAP chapter with whom you have an existing relationship?

- Yes
- No
- If yes, please describe that relationship.

27. Do you have a relationship with a physician or physicians who could potentially serve as a champion or leader for efforts to implement Help Me Grow?

- Yes
- No
- If yes, please describe.

28. Are there any institutions or integrated health care systems that should be involved in planning for HMG implementation?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please share which.

29. Are local institutions or integrated health systems currently contributing to early childhood policy change efforts?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe the efforts in which these entities have contributed to advance early childhood advocacy and/or policy change.

30. Has this Work Group connected with the Centralized Access Point Work Group around technology or strategy to ensure feedback loops are closed with referring physicians?

- Yes
- No
- If not, please share why not.

31. If yes, please describe the vision or anticipated approach to ensuring feedback loops are closed with referring physicians.

Factors to include here include: Technological capability (through EHR, application programming interface (API), other shared database strategies, phone, fax, email); Workflow and procedural strategies; Relationship building between call center staff, HMG Family & Community Outreach staff, and local practices; Etc.

32. Please list the types of data this Work Group recommends collecting and tracking in order to measure the development, operation, and success of Child Health Care Provider Outreach efforts in your HMG implementation.

33. Has this Work Group connected with the Data Collection & Analysis Work Group to plan its recommendations for Child Health Care Provider Outreach data measures?

- Yes
- No
- If not, please share why not.

34. What are some anticipated challenges related to child health care provider outreach?

35. What are the greatest areas of need in moving forward with child health provider outreach? (check all that apply)

- Funding & budget
- Staff to oversee outreach efforts
- Development of training supports (materials, presentations, etc.)
- Access to child health care providers
- Other (please specify)

36. Which of the above is the most important?

37. Please name the agency or agencies best positioned to contribute to the oversight, management, and coordination of the HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach core component.

38. Please describe the overall strategy that your Work Group has determined to be the best course to implement the HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach core component for your HMG implementation. Consider the concepts included in this Assessment such as: Key partner organizations to lead this component; Identification of a HMG Physician Champion; Key partners and strategies to advance rates of developmental screening and surveillance; Key partners to conduct targeted outreach to child health care providers and provide education and training; Mechanisms and strategies to ensure feedback loops are closed with referring physicians.

39. What type of assistance or support would best serve to advance efforts in planning and implementing the HMG Child Health Care Provider Outreach core component for your HMG implementation?