



Growing Together: Listening Session Policy & Community Change

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Today's Session

- Welcome & National Center's new design
- Introduction to HMG National Policy & Community Change
- Meeting norms
- Opening poll
- Network overview and affiliate input we're reflecting on (discussion)
- Focuses for the next year
- Wrap-up
 - Poll
 - How you can help direct the path

Where We Are in Our Evolution



- Released strategic growth plan in 2021
- Held affiliate listening sessions
- Pursued growth goals via initiatives such as: goal concordant care study, Family-Engaged Developmental Monitoring, return on investment tools, state lead exploration/network, and:
- Expanded National Center team to institute five branches:
 - Implementation & System Building, led by Melissa Passarelli.
 - Impact & Network Performance, led by Melissa Miller.
 - Policy & Community Change, led by Chelsea Neelon.
 - Communications & Network Relations, led by Sarah Zucker.
 - And Business Development & Operations, led by Sara Sibley.
- Published video and blogs introducing the National Center and opportunities to contribute/co-produce
- Holding today's P&CC Listening Session

What Policy & Community Change Means for HMG

- Our vision: To work with systems and states by providing support, resources and strategies for initiatives that will advance comprehensive, effective, coordinated early childhood systems.
- Our commitment to employ the HMG Model as a vehicle for early childhood system-building centers on strengthening the National Center's capacity to support affiliates in advancing this policy and community change work.
- In order to do this work most effectively, **we need to hear from you!**



Today's Meeting Norms

- This is a safe space! There are no bad questions, we welcome all thoughts and input, the good, the bad, and everything in between!
- Would encourage participants to turn on their cameras, we'd love to put faces to names 😊
- To join in the conversation, feel free to come off of mute, raise your hand, or enter into the chat.
- We also very much encourage connecting with other affiliates who joined today's session. If you have a question or a comment, send them a message or drop your email in the chat!

Network Overview: Policy & Community Change Survey Results

- Total responses: 40
- Total states represented: 17 (57% of our network)
- Top ways HMG systems currently engage in advancing early childhood policy and systems change:
 - Parent Engagement (n=17)
 - Research & Data Collection (n=17)
 - Coalition-Building (n=16)
 - Service Delivery & Programming (n=16)

Survey Results Continued

- Our HMG system currently works with the following levels of government:
 - N=17 local
 - N=16 state
 - N=15 county
- Our HMG system could potentially have the most impact on the following levels of government:
 - N=16 local
 - N=16 state
 - N=16 county
- HMG National Center has the potential to have the most impact on the following levels of government:
 - N=13 state
 - N=15 federal

What We've Heard:

- At our Roundtable discussion last month, we affiliates what supports they were looking for from the National Center. For P&CC, we heard:
- **Help with continued funding/opportunities**
 - Support with/for applying for local and state funding opportunities
 - Momentum building with national policy makers and funders
 - Helping affiliates obtain sustainable funding through advocating for funding being built into national, state, funding streams
- **What do we mean when we say “help”?**
 - What type of support do you need when it comes to finding, securing and sustaining funding for your HMG?
 - Are we talking about advocating for HMG use in existing federal funding streams like state's PDG-5 or ECCS funding, or are we looking for direct/indirect engagement with state legislators? Funding webinars?

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- **Advocacy & Policy Support**

- At state and national level
- Momentum building with national policy makers and funders
- Advocate for screening at the national level, Medicaid, billing, etc.
- Support for policy & advocacy work
- Increasing the awareness/“image” of the network at the national level

- **What kind of policy & advocacy supports?**

- What areas are people looking to explore?
- How are you envisioning your involvement in policy & advocacy? Local, state, federal?
How are you looking to get involved?
- Is your system engaged in existing policy & advocacy efforts, and how can we work together to facilitate change?

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- **Affiliate Network Networking Opportunities**
 - More opportunities for connections with other affiliates
 - Hearing stories from other states on what has worked, what hasn't, things they've tried or are trying, etc.
 - Best practices sharing from other systems
- **What kinds of Affiliate Network opportunities would you like to see from this branch of work?**
 - In terms of P&CC, would quarterly, informal P&CC meeting where affiliates meet to talk about approaches and successes be helpful?
 - Is there interest in a Policy & Community Change working group?

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- **Support on what to do with data and how to message to different stakeholders**
 - Guidance on how to collect data and what to do with it
 - Opportunities to provide context for data collected
- **What data are you looking to utilize, and what types of stakeholders are you looking to engage?**
 - What data does your HMG system collect currently that could be valuable to pitch to policymakers/funders?
 - What additional data do you collect that could be supplementary to HMG value and impact?

The Future of HMG Policy & Community Change Work

- Based on what we have heard so far, we see the opportunity to provide broader policy & community change supports for things like:
 - **Advocating/identifying funding opportunities and sustainable funding mechanisms**
 - **How to best message HMG and HMG data to policymakers/funders**
 - **How to use the Model to influence community change**
 - **Facilitating more opportunities for inter-network connections and communications to support policy & community change efforts**
- What do you think is missing under this Policy & Community Change lens?

What's Next in Our Evolution

Will be greatly shaped and influenced by what we learn from you

- Surveys
- Office hours
- One-on-one interviews
- Advisory opportunities
- Comment periods

The more input we have from you, the more our work will reflect the values and priorities of your communities.

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