

Hand in Hand:

Insights from Communities About
Early Childhood Collaboration

FOUNDATION | RELATIONSHIPS | ACTIONS



Model Convening Project

Collaboration In Action



From the start...



ZERO TO THREE extended invitations to Help Me Grow, Family Connects, Nurse-Family Partnership, and HealthySteps to explore how these major national early childhood models, which are all going to scale, could work more closely together

Impetus for Convening



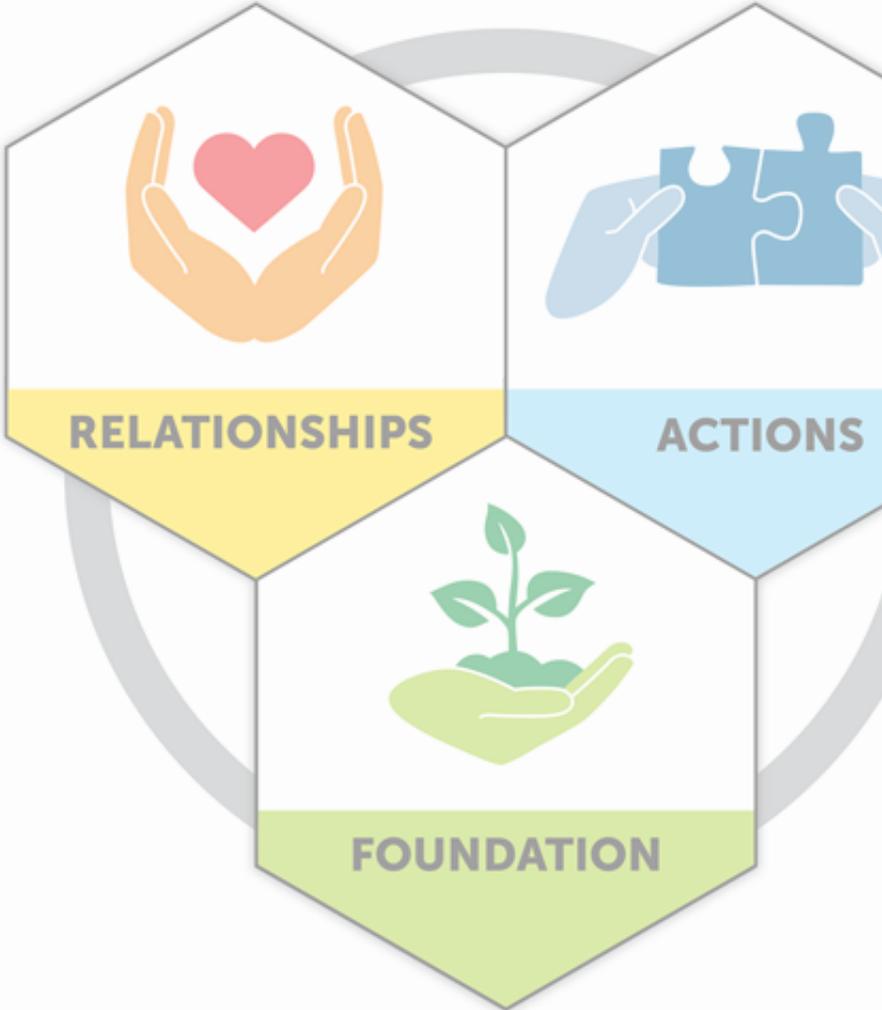
ZERO TO THREE

ZERO TO THREE Values

- Early Connections Last A Lifetime
- We believe that **how** we do our work is as important as **what** we do
- Relationships, Relationships, Relationships



Model Introductions





ZERO TO THREE

About ZERO TO THREE

We envision a society that has the knowledge and will to support **all infants and toddlers** in reaching their **full potential**.

To ensure all babies and toddlers have a **strong start** in life

We transform the science of early childhood into **helpful resources, practical tools, and responsive policies** for millions of **parents, professionals and policymakers**.

 VISION

 MISSION

 OFFERINGS

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PEDIATRIC CARE • SUPPORTING • PARENTING
A Program of ZERO TO THREE

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What is HealthySteps?

25+ YEAR TRACK RECORD

**EARLY CHILDHOOD
DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS IN
PEDIATRIC PRIMARY CARE**

TWO-GENERATION APPROACH

The HealthySteps Model is Population-Based and Risk-Stratified

TIER 1: Universal screening of children ages 0-3 and family needs

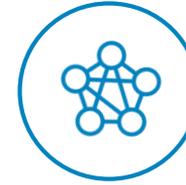
TIER 2: Short-term supports for mild concerns

TIER 3: Comprehensive services for families most at risk

Core Components



Child Developmental,
Social-Emotional &
Behavioral Screenings



Care Coordination &
Systems Navigation



Screenings
for Family Needs
e.g., PPD, other risk factors, SDOH



Positive Parenting
Guidance &
Information



Child Development
Support Line
e.g., phone, text, email,
online portal



Early Learning
Resources



Child Development
& Behavior
Consults



Ongoing, Preventive
Team-Based
Well-Child Visits

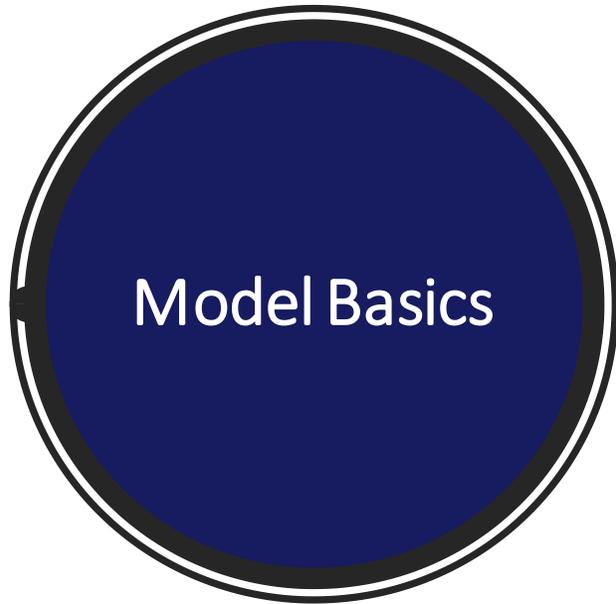


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What is Family Connects?

- Population health-based approach that works with communities on making their local systems of care more efficient and effective and uses a universal nurse home visit to accomplish this
- The model includes three core components-with the family at the center
 - Community Alignment
 - Universal Nurse Home Visit
 - Data and Monitoring



Model Basics

Visit offered/scheduled prior to discharge at birthing hospitals

Visit scheduled between 3 to 12 weeks postpartum

Available to all families with newborns living within a defined geographic area

Six to eight new cases per nurse per work week

Follow-up contact confirm linkages with community resources

Nurse is an RN, but is not required to be a BSN

Why offer the intervention to all?



NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE FOR NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP & CHILD FIRST

- The National Service Office (NSO) is the national umbrella organization for two evidence-based home visiting models serving young families (prenatally – age 5) – Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) and Child First
- Provides centralized support and services to local community partners implementing either program (data and reporting, research and evaluation, marketing and outreach for referral generation, policy and advocacy, program development and performance management, operational and clinical consultation, innovations, etc.)

NURSE-FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

- Two-generation home visiting intervention delivered by registered nurses to first-time mothers, beginning prenatally until child's 2nd birthday
- Current operations span 40 states, U.S. Virgin Islands and several Tribal communities, reaching ~60,000 families annually
- Backed by 3 foundational randomized control trials demonstrating impact on pregnancy outcomes, child health and development, and family economic mobility

SELECT OUTCOMES:

- ✓ 48% reduction in child abuse and neglect
- ✓ 50% reduction in language delays of children at 21 months
- ✓ 82% in months employed among mothers

CHILD FIRST

- Two-generation mental health intervention serving families with children prenatally through age 5 to reduce impacts of trauma and stress by promoting nurturing caregiver-child relationships
- Delivered by teams of mental health clinicians and community care coordinators
- Current operations span 4 states, reaching ~2,000 families annually
- Backed by one randomized control trial demonstrating strong positive outcomes for maternal mental health and healthy child development

SELECT OUTCOMES:

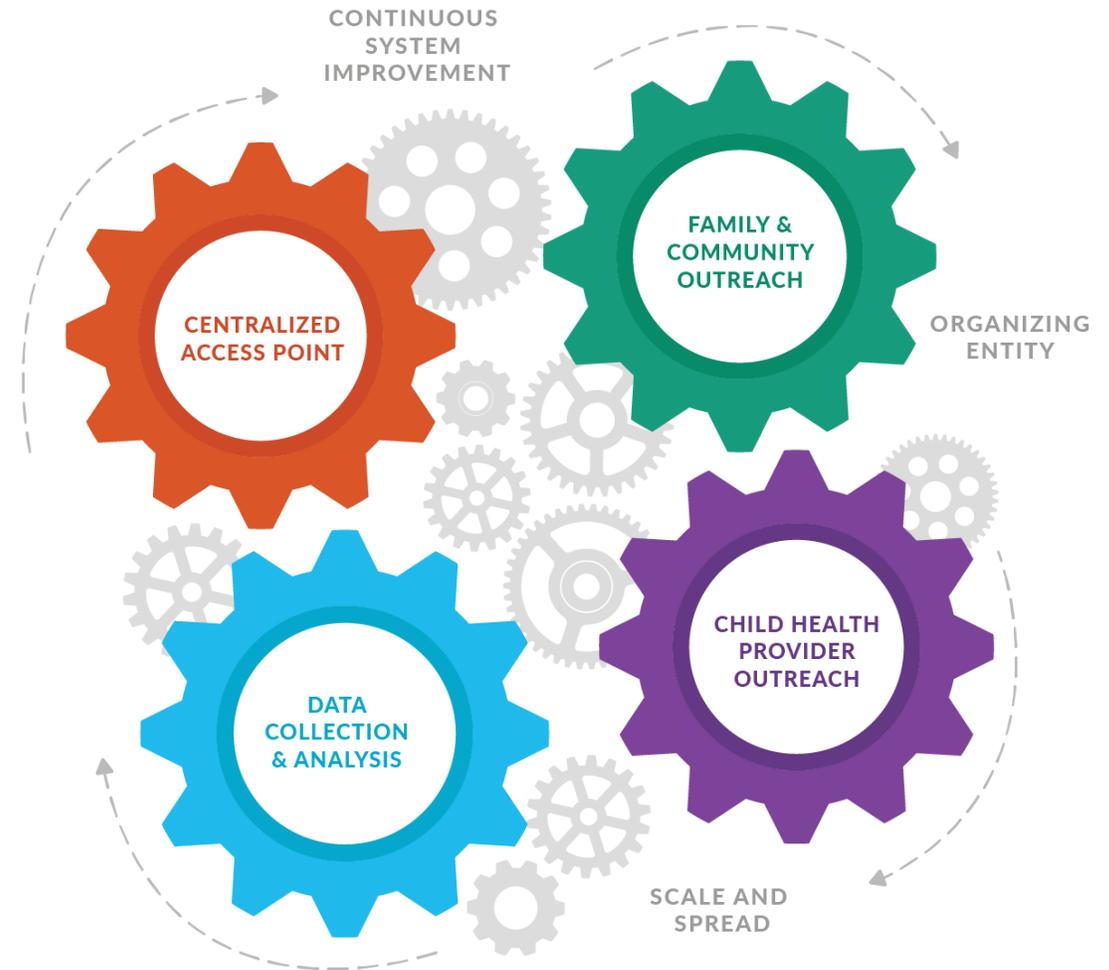
- ✓ 68% decrease in child language problems
- ✓ 42% decrease in child aggressive and defiant behaviors
- ✓ 64% decrease in maternal depression or mental health problems

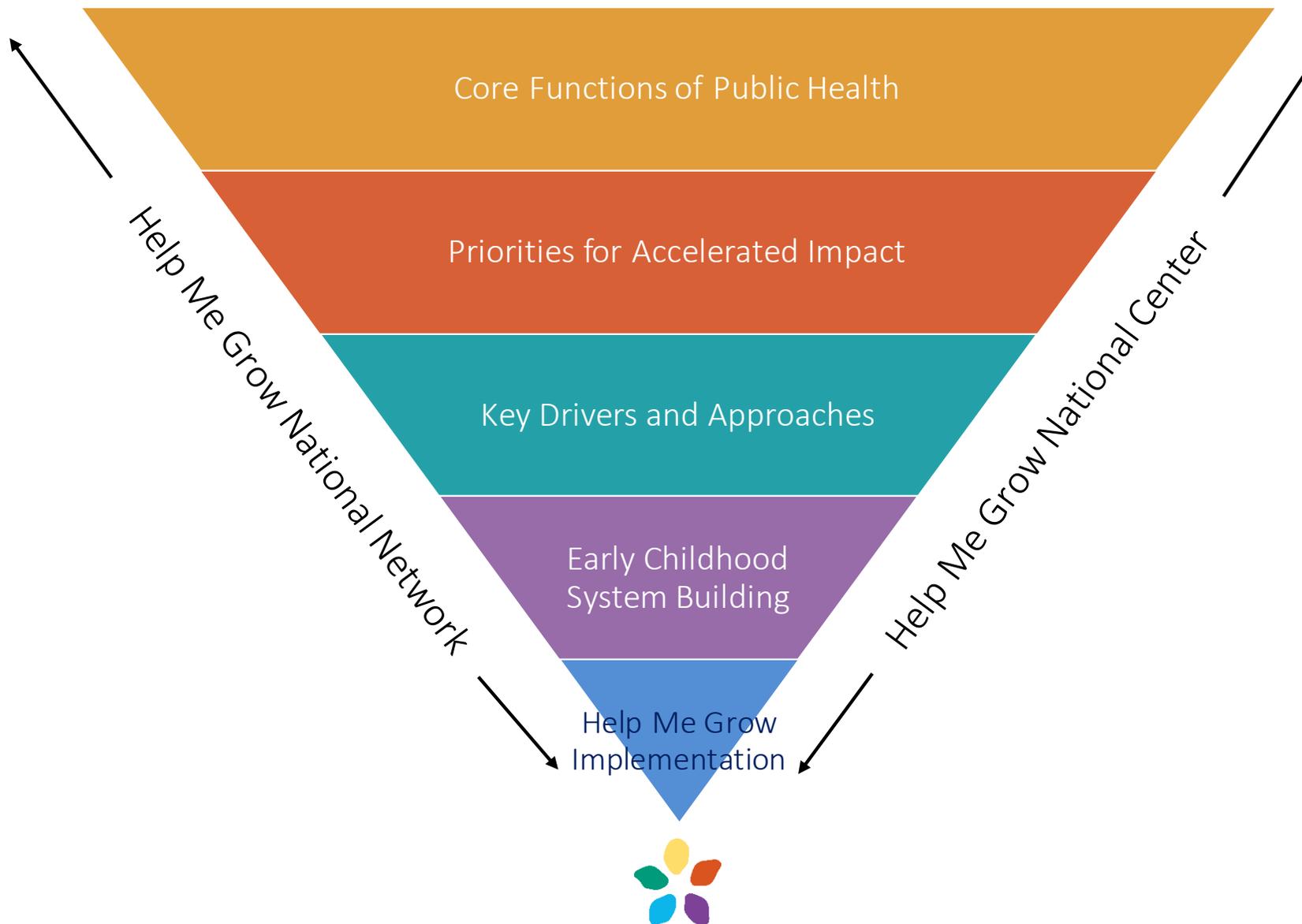
The Help Me Grow System Model

WE BELIEVE THAT ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE TO GROW, DEVELOP, AND THRIVE TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

Help Me Grow is a model that works to promote collaboration across child-serving sectors in order to build a more efficient and effective system that promotes the optimal healthy development of young children. When all of the organizations working on behalf of young children work together, we can:

- better prevent or reduce the impact that stress or adversity may have on children and families *and*
- increase protective factors that can maximize the well being of children and families





Fidelity to a National, Evidence-Based System Model

<p>Centralized Access Point</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialized child development line • Linkage and follow-up • Researching resources • Real-time directory maintenance 	<p>✓ Average linkage rate for HMG affiliates (2020): 74%, an increase of 9% over 2019</p>
<p>Family and Community Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged community partners • Networking • Community events and trainings • Marketing 	<p>✓ Networking and community engagement activities increased 14% (virtually and in person) from 2019 to 2020.</p>
<p>Child Health Provider Outreach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician champion • Training on surveillance and screening • Training on referral and linkage • Closing the feedback loop 	<p>✓ Physician and medical staff trainings rose 9% between 2019 and 2020. ✓ 66% of HMG systems reporting closing the feedback loop at least 75% of the time (2020).</p>
<p>Data Collection and Analysis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data monitoring • Sharing data across partners • Continuous quality improvement • Community change through data 	<p>✓ Half of HMG systems achieved community change through use of their data in 2020.</p>

Source: 2019 and 2020 Fidelity Assessments. Help Me Grow National Center.

Return on Investment and Business Case

HMG Savings Accrued to Various Sectors

	HMG Service	Savings Sector(s)
Short term savings	Diversion from Unnecessary Developmental/EI Assessments	 
	Food Security	
	Maternal Depression Detection & Referral	
Long term savings	Early Detection and Referral to Head Start/Preschool Programs or EI	 
	Positive Parenting	   
	Home Visiting	    
	Preventive Child Dental Care	

 EI/Education
  Public Assistance
  Healthcare
  Child Welfare
  Criminal Justice



Model Convening Project

- **Mission Statement**

- The project mission is to ensure families receive the services they need in coordinated manner by strengthening highly collaborative early childhood systems

- **Vision Statement**

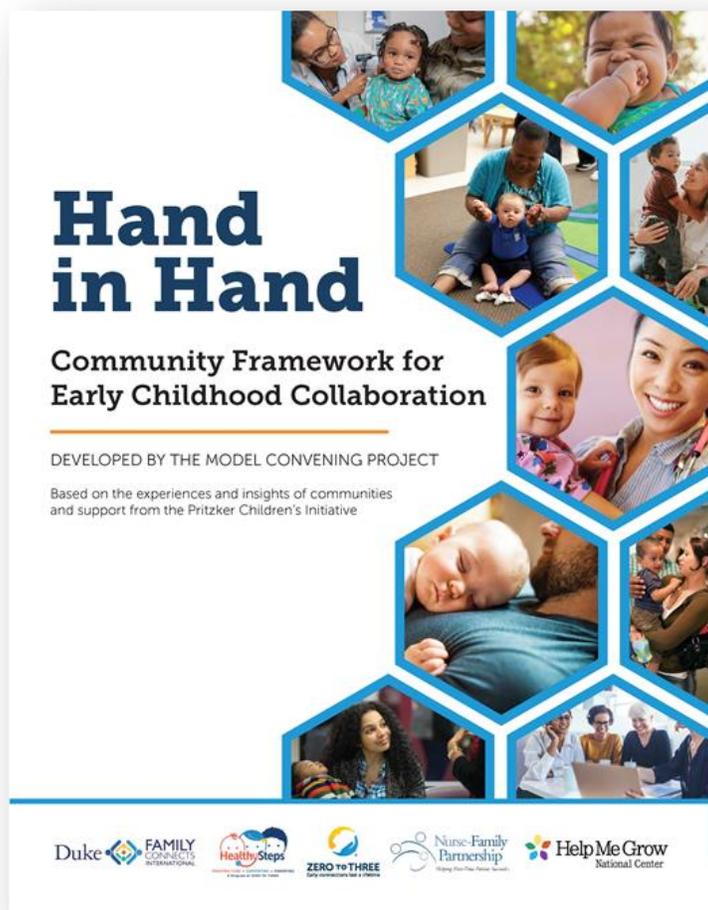
- We envision a nation where all babies are born into communities of opportunity that provide them with what they need, where they need it and when they need it. To achieve this, we need a seamless, scalable, sustainable, and responsive system of care. Such a system must ensure equitable access to supports and services that promote the health and well-being of every baby and family



Model Convening Project – Phases of Work



New Resources for Field



- **Hand in Hand Guide**
- **Three Briefs**
 - Advancing Racial Equity in Early Childhood Systems
 - Aligning Early Childhood Services
 - Public Policy Advocacy for Early Childhood
- **Story Bank**
 - Two parent stories
 - Seven community stories



Project Accomplishments

Small wins:

- Gaining a deeper understanding of the other national center/service offices' scale, scope, and operations
- Identifying shared implementation localities, exemplar affiliates/sites and other influential national partners
- Elevating understanding of all four model partners across the affiliate/site network



Project Accomplishments

Large wins:

- Elevating the local voice
- Developing the cohesive and widely applicable “Hand in Hand” framework for collaboration
- Increased trust and awareness of how to work together

Using just one word to answer for each, what are your biggest WOWs from this project? (you can share as many times as you would like)

