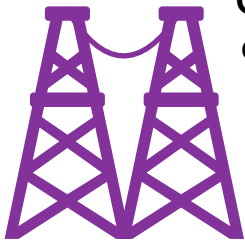


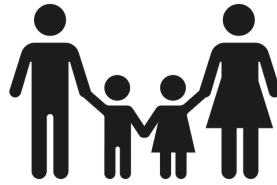


Connecting to Power Up Our Community



Community resources are like a power grid: when the grid functions well, families can plug in wherever they are to get the help they

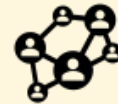
need. Help Me Grow –Long Island (HMG-LI) helps power up Nassau and Suffolk counties to effectively support children 0-5 and their families.



90% of brain development occurs in the first 5 years of life.



Plugging families into **community resources** produces positive outcomes.



When we support **optimal brain development** we support our community.



Partnering with Help Me Grow – Long Island: A Win-Win-Win!

Let's work together to improve outcomes for Long Island's youngest children. Collaborating with Help Me Grow – Long Island can be beneficial for the partnership, your program, and the families you serve. There are four different "levels" of partnership, each building upon the other:

1. Awareness

We are aware of each other's services and have a point of contact for referrals.

2. Outreach

HMG-LI shares materials on optimal child development for your families.

3. Training

Our team offers tailored trainings about early childhood development.

4. Screening

You provide developmental screenings to help families celebrate milestones.

We offer the following free services in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole:

Connection to programs that support child development



Ongoing support via phone, text, or email to ensure that families successfully connect to resources that meet their needs



Follow-up with referring providers to keep you informed

Help Me Grow - Long Island's Partnerships with child health and service providers build caregivers' understanding of healthy child development and awareness of the supportive services available to families.

We Help You Support the Families You Serve

Early Intervention Providers: We provide community linkages for families not eligible for early intervention or preschool special education services.

Early Care Providers: We provide free training and materials for standardized developmental and social emotional screening at your site, and help your families plug in to community services.

Community Based Organizations: By connecting families you serve to HMG-LI, you empower families and make your support more comprehensive.

Home Visitors: Home visitors have to meet a wide range of family needs. We are a key partner in accessing and connecting families to resources, and work with your program to implement or share developmental and social emotional screening.

Partnership in Practice

Based on a national model, HMG-LI repairs and expands the patchy areas of the "power grid" of early childhood resources.



HMG-LI is overseen by a Leadership Team of 20+ professionals from Long Island's health, early education, and social service agencies, along with parent representatives.

Visit <http://docsfortots.org/help-me-grow-long-island/> for a list of organizations on the HMG-LI Leadership Team

HMG-LI Referrals: A Tailored Approach

Although we do not provide direct services, we offer ongoing assistance. For example, in the case of a concern about a possible developmental delay or disability, we connect families to the appropriate county or school district for an evaluation. We then guide them step-by-step through the application and evaluation processes. And for children who do not qualify for services, we help find alternative programs to support child development.

Help Us Help Families!

There are many ways for you and the families you serve to connect to HMG-LI:

- **Call** (516) 548-8924 OR dial 2-1-1, select your language, then press 7
- **Email** info@hmgli.org for partnership or screening opportunities
- **Fax** the HMG-LI Universal Provider Referral Form to 516-217-1351
- **Visit** helpmegrownny.org and select "Long Island Developmental Questionnaire" to complete a free screen

