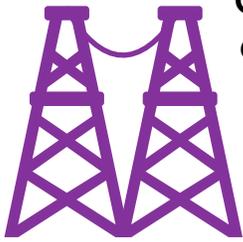




# Partnering with Physicians to Power Up Our Community



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 practice, and the families you serve. There are four different "levels" of partnership, each building upon the other:

### 1. Education

We provide developmental health materials to share with families in the waiting/exam room.

### 2. Training

We conduct an in-service for your staff.

### 3. Referral

We work with your practice to establish a referral and feedback protocol.

### 4. Screening

We provide technical assistance to integrate developmental screening into your practice.

## 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 and "close the loop."

**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 Offer Many Benefits to Your Practice:**

**Free, standardized screening:** HMG-LI can work with your practice to provide standardized developmental and social emotional screening to your young patients. This can include integration of screening at your site, or referral pathways to have children screened by a HMG-LI Family Resource Specialist.

**Compliance and Credit:** In addition to helping comply with developmental screening guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Bright Futures, and the Patient-Centered Medical Home, board-accredited physicians may be eligible for Maintenance of Certification credits for improving screening practices.

**Care Coordination:** HMG-LI provides free, specialized care coordination for families of young children that you serve. HMG-LI also follows up with your office to keep you informed!

## **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](mailto:info@hmgli.org) for partnership or screening opportunities
- **Fax** the HMG-LI Universal Provider Referral Form to 516-217-1351
- **Visit** [helpmegrowny.org](http://helpmegrowny.org) and select "Long Island Developmental Questionnaire" to complete a free screen

