



## Help Me Grow Fidelity 2022 FAQ Document

### Fidelity and Sustainability Assessment Office Hours Recordings:

1. [Monday, January 30, 2023](#)
2. [Thursday, February 2, 2023](#)

### Important Updates:

#### Assessment Schedule 2023:

Assessment Schedule 2023	Due	Reporting Period
Fidelity/Sustainability Assessment	March 1, 2023	January 1 - December 31, 2022
Mini Assessment	August 1, 2023	January 1 - June 30, 2023

- All HMG systems are required to complete the Fidelity or Sustainability Assessment, which captures 12 months of data (January 1-December 31, 2022).
- The Fidelity Assessment is completed by systems in exploration or installation of the HMG Model, as determined by the system's 2021 Assessment results. The Sustainability Assessment is completed by systems in full implementation of the HMG Model, as determined by the system's 2021 Assessment results.
- The Fidelity and Sustainability Assessments opened January 3, 2023 and are due March 1, 2023.
- All HMG systems are required to complete the Mini Assessment, which captures 6 months of data (January 1-June 30, 2023).
- The anticipated release for the next HMG Mini Assessment is July 1, 2023.

#### 1. What is the reporting timeline for the 2022 Fidelity Assessment?

The HMG National Center has adjusted the reporting timeline to now be on a calendar year cycle as a result of feedback from the Affiliate Network. All systems must report data from January 1 - December 31, 2022 for the upcoming Fidelity and Sustainability Assessment.

If your HMG system has questions on this, please reach out to Noshin Ahmed, [nahmed@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:nahmed@connecticutchildrens.org) and Melissa Miller, [MMiller02@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:MMiller02@connecticutchildrens.org)

#### 2. Which Assessment should my HMG system take?

1. **Fidelity Assessment:** HMG systems that are in exploration or installation of the HMG Model based on 2021 Assessment results.



**2. Sustainability Assessment:** HMG systems that are in full implementation of the HMG Model based on 2021 Assessment results.

The primary and secondary leads for your HMG system should have already received an email indicating which Assessment your HMG system should take. If you would like further clarification, please reach out to Noshin Ahmed, [nahmed@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:nahmed@connecticutchildrens.org).

**3. What is the purpose of the optional fillable HMG Fidelity Assessment tool?**

- This tool is elective and provided as an optional resource your system can use for your own records and a mechanism to track comments and internal processes as you pull reports/data. HMG systems are not required to complete or submit the fillable form to the HMG National Center. However, many systems have indicated their interest in submitting their completed fillable tool to HMG National so we can better understand any limitations, caveats, or issues related to the data reported. Systems are welcome to share their fillable forms with the HMG National Center by emailing Noshin Ahmed, [nahmed@connecticutchildrens.org](mailto:nahmed@connecticutchildrens.org).
- During office hours it was brought to our attention that the question numbers for the fillable forms on the HMG National Center website were not matching up with the Fidelity submission survey. This has now been resolved and all HMG systems may continue using the [updated fillable forms](#).

**4. Is there a glossary of definitions for HMG Assessment reporting?** Please use the following resources for updated definitions:

- [Updated Data and Reporting Guidelines for the HMG Mini Assessment](#)
- [Terms and Definitions](#)

**5. If our HMG system sponsored or exhibited at a conference for family members/caregivers, should we include counts of attendees when reporting to question FA #52?** *Total number of individuals (parents, caregivers, other family members) reached through events led or coordinated by HMG to promote awareness of child development and/or HMG over the past 12 months*

- a. For sponsorships at conferences, please include attendee counts for the entire conference.
- b. For booths/workshop please only count the number of people who attended your specific booth/workshop.
- c. If you're both sponsoring an event and conducting booths/workshops please enter the higher number of attendees. In other words, if the number of conference attendees is higher than the number of those attending a booth/workshop enter the higher number.



- 6. Would joining/attending/participating in an already existing networking meeting in our community count for question FA #47: Which of the following functions occur as part of a networking meetings?**
- Do not count if HMG's role at the networking meeting is as an attendee only (i.e. not hosting, leading, nor sponsoring).
  - Count if HMG's role at the networking meeting is as host, co-host, leader, co-lead, facilitator, or sponsor.
- 7. For question FA#34: SPN36 Income Eligible: Of those children served prenatal through their 3rd birthday, how many were income eligible to receive any of the following supports or services: WIC, SNAP/TANF, CHIP, Head Start, Medicaid or Title V Maternal and Child Health?**
- This question helps to serve as a proxy in identifying the number/percentage of children served by HMG who are members of low-income families. The services listed in the question language are examples of programs that use an income-based eligibility structure. In addition to the programs listed in the question language, please also count the children who were eligible to receive local programming that uses income-eligibility and would indicate that the family is low-income.
- 8. For question SA#35: How are targets for HMG reach and impact determined for your system? How are these targets utilized to support sustainability?**
- This question is included in the Sustainability Assessment, and as such, only systems determined to be in full implementation of the HMG Model will respond. This question seeks to understand how fully implemented HMG systems enhance, innovate, grow, and strengthen once the Model is fully operational.
- 9. For question SA#25: In what languages (other than English) do you currently offer and/or review screening?**
- This question seeks to learn how HMG systems are increasing access through language diversity and may be used to facilitate connections to other affiliates that are also conducting screening in a particular language. Please include all languages in which your HMG system offered screening during the reporting period, as well as all languages in which your HMG staff reviewed screening results with parents.
- 10. For question SA#33: Please describe efforts over the past 12 months to advocate for HMG as an agent for system and/or policy change. Examples may include Medicaid reform, government funding allocations, etc. Please include the content and data around HMG that was utilized.**
- Responses to this question should include any instances/examples in which HMG systems are influencing policy/local change to advance healthy, thriving communities, and/or child



and family well-being. Responses should describe any advocacy or policy change efforts in which your HMG served as a partner or leader during this reporting period.

**11. For question FA#34, SPN36 and S4Plus:** *Question SPN36 asks for children 0-35 months and 30 days (up to their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday), and question S4Plus asks about children ages 4-8. Under which question are 3 year olds included (36 months-47 months)?*

- Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We acknowledge that after clarifying the definition of SPN36 in 2022, we should have updated the labeling for S4Plus to be S3Plus (including 3 years and older) and will update this in future iterations of the Fidelity Assessment. S4Plus should include ages 36 months-120 months. Thus, 3 year olds are included in the S4Plus question.