

# Help Me Grow National Forum 2025

## Hartford, CT • July 14-16, 2025

### Call for Proposals Now Open

### Application Preview

## Introduction to the 2025 Help Me Grow National Forum

The Help Me Grow (HMG) National Forum is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> year! Every year, this event brings together states and communities from across the HMG National Affiliate Network to advance powerful systems of support for families with young children across the nation. This year, we continue the exciting journey to learn, connect, and grow together during our in-person event in Connecticut.

Forum 2025 theme

### Weathering Any Storm: Building Resilient Early Childhood Systems

HMG National is seeking proposals for Content Sessions and posters from HMG affiliates and partners that demonstrate strategies used to build and maintain resilient early childhood systems. All HMG systems are encouraged to apply. Proposals due Friday, January 31, 2025. Submission decisions will be shared in March.

This document provides a preview of the application questions.  
Submissions are only accepted through [this link](#)

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## Application Preview

### Applicant Information

I am available and planning to attend in person in Connecticut on Monday, July 14 through Wednesday, July 16 2025:

- Yes or No

### Applicant Details

Applicant's First Name

Applicant's Last Name

Applicant's Email  
 Applicant's Phone Number  
 Applicant's Gender (Optional)  
 Applicant's Race/Ethnicity (Optional)  
 Applicant's Years with their HMG System  
 Applicant's Total Years of Direct and Relevant Experience in Early Childhood  
 Applicant's Title  
 Applicant's Organization  
 What is your primary HMG role? Please select the one that best fits.  
 State  
 HMG System Name (Enter N/A if you are from a single system state or not affiliated)  
 Populations served by HMG System  
 Upload Profile Image  
 Applicant Biography (10,000 character limit)

### **Co-Applicant Details**

Co-Applicant First Name  
 Co-Applicant Last Name  
 Co-Applicant Email  
 Co-Applicant Title  
 Co-Applicant Organization  
 HMG System Name (Enter N/A if you are from a single-system state or not affiliated)  
 Upload Profile Image  
 Co-Applicant Biography (10,000 character limit)

## **Poster Session Application Questions**

1. Poster Title
  1. Please provide a description of your poster and its focus, to be used in Forum materials and communications (1,000 character limit).
  2. Please share one to three takeaways you would like viewers to gain from your poster. (1,000 character limit).
  3. Please select up to three keyword tags that relate best to your Content Session (these will be visible to attendees in the event agenda to aid in session selection):
    - Building Infrastructure
    - Care Coordination & Linkage
    - Developmental Promotion
    - Coalition-Building
    - Communications
    - Cross-Sector
    - Data & Management

- Developmental Monitoring & Screening
- Equity
- Family Engagement & Leadership
- Funding & Sustainability
- Health Care
- HMG Model Implementation
- Partnership
- Policy & Advocacy
- System Change
- Workforce Development

## Content Session Application Questions

1. Content Session Title

2. Please provide a detailed description of the proposed Content Session and how it will be structured. (16,000 character limit)

3. Please provide an abbreviated description of the proposed Content Session, to be used in Forum materials and communications. (1,500 character limit)

4. Please provide at least (2) learning objectives for your proposed Content Session. Learning objectives should describe the knowledge and/or skills that participants will gain as a result of attending the session. The learning objectives should be specific and measurable. (1,000 character limit)

5. Describe plans to engage the audience including (but not limited to) Q&A, discussion prompts, exercises, activities, or reflective practices. (500 character limit)

6. Which of the HMG Model elements (Structural Requirements, Core Components) will be a focus of your Content Session? Please select no more than 2 options.

*Proposals are encouraged but not required to emphasize how HMG systems are leveraging key aspects of the Model's Structural Requirements (Organizing Entity, Continuous System Improvement, and Spread & Scale).*

- Structural Requirement - Organizing Entity
- Structural Requirement - Spread & Scale
- Structural Requirement - Continuous System Improvement
- Core Component - Centralized Access Point
- Core Component - Family & Community Outreach
- Core Component - Child Health Care Provider Outreach
- Core Components - Data Collection & Analysis

7. Please briefly explain how your proposal focuses on the Structural Requirement(s) and/or Core Component(s) selected above. (1,000 character limit)

8. Please select the top two audiences from the list below that will find the most value in attending your Content Session:

- Care Coordinator/Call Specialist/Care Navigator
- Child Health Care Provider Outreach Coordinators
- Community & Family Outreach Coordinator
- Data Specialists/Evaluators/Researchers
- Communication and Marketing Staff
- Funders
- HMG State Lead
- HMG Local Lead
- Policy or Advocacy Professionals
- Community Partners
- Family/Parent Leader
- Other (please specify):

9. Which of the following audiences will find the most value in attending your Content Session?

- Very new HMG systems
- Less established HMG systems
- Established HMG systems
- Seasoned HMG systems
- All of the above

10. Please select up to three keyword tags that relate best to your Content Session (these will be visible to attendees in the event agenda to aid in session selection):

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11. What additional technology needs will you require for your Content Session?