



# Help Me Grow Indiana

Monthly News and Updates

## Help Me Grow Implementation

### Evaluation Progress

Diehl Consulting Group

The Help Me Grow (HMG) evaluation includes both an implementation study and a fidelity study. The implementation study incorporates stakeholder interviews, surveys and focus groups.

To date, the evaluation team has completed monthly implementation interviews with the HMG program manager, as well as Organizing Entity and Leadership Team surveys and focus groups. Work group surveys and focus groups are pending. The fidelity study is focused on identifying fidelity criteria, which may be incorporated in future fidelity tools.

To identify best practices associated with HMG implementation, the evaluation team has completed expert interviews with HMG National Center staff, state affiliates, and local experts.

## Help Me Grow Presentations

### July/August

July 26: Ready to Grow St. Joe  
Aug. 27: Elkhart

## Welcome, Stephanie Beverly!

Stephanie Beverly is a psychology and sociology graduate from Martin University. Stephanie is passionate about public and social service in her hometown of Indianapolis. Her career has spanned over 15 years, concentrating in emergency communications work with Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, IUPUI campuses, Indianapolis Public Schools, Simon Properties and host of Indianapolis volunteer organizations.

She enjoys contributing to the impactful missions of the Maternal and Child Health Division at ISDH and excited about joining the Help Me Grow team as a care coordinator.

## MCH is hiring Resource Specialist

Indiana State Department of Health is looking for two resource specialists to serve as the liaison between the community, families and the Help Me Grow system. Support the awareness and visibility of the Help Me Grow system throughout 9 pilot counties in the state, Marion, Scott, Madison, Grant, La Porte, Lake, St Joseph, Elkhart and Delaware.

Please contact [SGarrity@isdh.IN.gov](mailto:SGarrity@isdh.IN.gov) for a more detailed job description.

# Opportunities to Get Involved

## **Help Me Grow Leadership Team**

ELAC Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

10 a.m. to noon EST, fourth Thursday of each month from at St. Mary's Child Center

## **Help Me Grow Centralized Telephone Access Workgroup**

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. August 3 at Early Learning Indiana. Contact [MMendez1@isdh.in.gov](mailto:MMendez1@isdh.in.gov) for more information.

## **Help Me Grow Child Health Provider Outreach Workgroup**

TBD

## **Help Me Grow Data Collection and Analysis Workgroup**

ELAC Data Workgroup

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST, fourth Thursday of each month, Ice Miller offices, One American Square

## **Help Me Grow Community and Family Outreach Workgroup**

HMG State Workgroup

10a.m. to noon, fourth Wednesday of every month

## **Local Family Engagement Workgroups**

ECCS COIIN

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 20 at the John H. Boner Center

## Next Steps

Here's what we're working on:

- Hiring Help Me Grow staff
- Readiness assessments will be shared with workgroups
- Opportunities to join workgroups in person or remotely
- Email [KLinson@isdh.in.gov](mailto:KLinson@isdh.in.gov) to schedule a Help Me Grow presentation.

# Help Me Grow Indiana Organizational Chart



**IN HMG Organizing Entity**  
*IN MIECHV state team + ECCS*

David Reed  
 Cynthia Smith  
 Barbara Gainer  
 Carrie Higgins

Martha Allen  
 Shirley Payne  
 Kristi Linson  
 Casey Kinderman  
 Charity Coppola

Implementing entity –  
 Final implementation authorization, funding direction,  
 federal reporting, presentation approval, and data approval  
 decisions are made by this team.

IN HMG Program Manager oversees  
 Leadership Team and communicates  
 to IN HMG Organizing Entity  
 activities and recommendations.

**IN HMG Program Manager**  
 Shannon Garity

IN HMG Leadership Team reviews activities and recommendations  
 from Core Component committees and provides report and  
 recommendation to Organizing Entity via IN HMG Program Manager.  
 IN HMG Leadership Team is a function within larger existing entity of  
 [to be confirmed] workgroup

**IN HMG Leadership Team**  
  
*Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC)*  
*Child Development and Well-Being*  
*Came Bale and Connie Sherman*

IN HMG Workgroups implemented within existing early  
 childhood system entities where possible. These  
 workgroups serve as special project workgroups and  
 subject matter advisory entities.

**IN HMG Centralized Telephone Access Workgroup**  
  
*MOM's Helpline*  
 Marta Mendez  
  
*Early Learning Indiana*  
 Marta Fetterman

**IN HMG Child Health Provider Outreach Workgroup**  
*Entity to be identified – reaching out to IN AAP*

**IN HMG Community and Family Outreach Workgroup**  
*HMG State Workgroup (Formerly LAUNCH)*  
 Shannon Garity

**IN HMG Data Collection and Analysis Workgroup**  
  
*ELAC- Data Coordination and System Integration*  
 Charlie Geier  
 Kim Hodge

**Local Community and Family Outreach subgroup(s)**  
  
*ECCS COIIN*  
 Natasha Guffey

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The Help Me Grow (HMG) system is designed to help states and communities leverage existing resources to ensure they identify vulnerable children early, link families to community based services and empower families to support their children's healthy development through the implementation of four core components:

- Child health care provider outreach
- Community outreach
- Centralized call center
- Data collection

### The vision of the Indiana Help Me Grow system is to:

- Help families, primary care providers and other community-based providers, including home visiting services, identify developmental or behavioral concerns in children.
- Provide a statewide resource directory with a feedback loop to identify gaps in services targeted and developed in pilot sites.
- Utilize the MCH MOMS Helpline as the centralized call center to connect families with specialized programs and services focused on their needs.

## Help Me Grow pilot sites

