

FY 2017 – 2018 Annual Report Summary

*Promoting the Healthy Development and Well-Being
of Florida's Children through Collective Impact*

OUR MISSION

To promote healthy development for every child in our state and for every child to receive routine developmental screenings

OUR VISION

For Florida to have a comprehensive system to support the optimal health, development, and well-being of all children in Florida.

OUR VALUES

Building collaboration among community programs
Providing a centralized access point for information and referral
Promoting surveillance and screenings
Educating and informing the community

AUTHORITY AND FUNDING

The *Help Me Grow*® Florida system is sponsored by the Children’s Forum, Inc. and the State of Florida, Office of Early Learning (General Revenue Fund – Chapter 2017-70 – Appropriation 83).



For fiscal year 2017-2018, the Florida Legislature allocated **\$1,851,767** to *Help Me Grow*® Florida (HMGFL). During this period, the HMGFL State Coordinating Office contracted with nine affiliate sites.



There are also two locally funded HMGFL sites, all which serve Florida children and their families in **29** counties across the state.



Help Me Grow® served children in **29 of 67** counties in Florida. However, this means that one in three children in Florida still need access to *Help Me Grow*®

STATE COORDINATING OFFICE

The HMGFL State Coordinating Office (SCO), located at the Children’s Forum, Inc. in Tallahassee, FL is responsible for oversight of the administrative, programmatic, and fiscal activities of the *Help Me Grow*® system at the state level.

The SCO provides technical assistance and other resources to its affiliates so that they may successfully implement *Help Me Grow*® in their respective counties and areas.

MEET THE *Help Me Grow*® SCO TEAM



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WHO WE ARE

HMGFL is designed to empower families to support their children's healthy development through the implementation of four **Core Components**:

-  **Centralized Telephone Access Point** – assist families with questions and provide care coordination for children and their families to needed services
-  **Family & Community Outreach** - promote awareness of *Help Me Grow*[®] and develop associates/partners in the local community
-  **Child Healthcare Provider Outreach** - educate and motivate physicians & other child healthcare providers to conduct routine child screenings and utilize the *Help Me Grow*[®] centralized telephone access point
-  **Data Collection and Analysis** - bolster advocacy effort and guides the system to ensure continuous quality improvement



OUR IMPACT

The early detection and intervention services provided through the *Help Me Grow*[®] system are critical for optimal outcomes for children.

- 4,619 families served
- 5,060 screenings completed
- 4,569 referrals to community services and programs made

Help Me Grow[®] Affiliates regularly host free community screening events, including **Books, Balls, and Blocks (BBB)**, where families and their children (birth to five) can participate in development screenings while connecting with community resources and partners.

29 Books, Balls, and Blocks events were held in the 2017-2018 FY where more than 650 screenings were completed.



FACT:

Pediatrician use of developmental screening tools has increased from 2002 to 2016 by approximately 40%¹ based on the American Academy of Pediatrics² recommendations to screen babies and toddlers at 9 months, 18 months, and 30 months.

¹<https://www.aap.org/en-us/professional-resources/Research/research-findings/Pages/Trends-in-Standardized-Developmental-Screening-Results-from-National-Surveys-of-Pediatricians-2002.aspx>

²https://www.aap.org/en-us/Documents/periodicity_schedule.pdf

OUR AFFILIATE PARTNERS

The local affiliates ensure that the HMGFL system builds collaboration across sectors, including early care and education, healthcare, and family support.

Families can contact Help Me Grow by dialing 2-1-1 and asking to speak with a care coordinator. The *Help Me Grow*[®] care coordinators remain in contact with families they serve until they are successfully connected to a service.

32

Counties with a *Help Me Grow*[®] program starting July 2018.

103

Community Agencies collaborated with HMGFL

240+

Healthcare Providers partnered with HMGFL

Call 2-1-1

AND ASK FOR **Help Me Grow**

THE NUMBER EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW

FACT:

Help Me Grow[®] Florida being available in all Florida's counties could save **\$26 million** in state resources over the next three years if all of Florida's children had access to *Help Me Grow*[®]

2017-2018 FY AFFILIATES

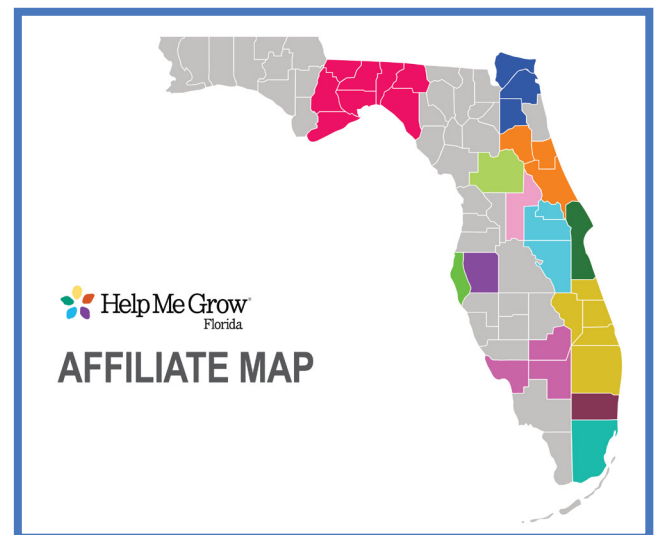
- 2-1-1 Big Bend
- 2-1-1 Brevard
- 2-1-1 Broward
- 2-1-1 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast
- 2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares
- Heart of Florida United Way
- United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades
- United Way of Northwest Florida
- United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties

2017-2018 FY LOCALLY FUNDED AFFILIATES

- Jewish Community Services of South Florida
- The Children's Board of Hillsborough County

NEW 2018-2019 FY AFFILIATES

- Early Learning Coalition of Lake County
- Early Learning Coalition of Marion County
- Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County



Help Me Grow[®] Florida Connects Families to Resources to Give Children Their Best Start



For more information and program data, please visit www.helpmeflow.org to access the *Help Me Grow*[®] Florida FY 2017-2018 Annual Report in its entirety