Help Me Grow in Action

A child was referred by his pediatrician to Help Me Grow for concerns about his communication skills. His speech was unclear, and he had a limited vocabulary for his age. The HMGF care coordinator completed the Ages and Stages questionnaire (ASQ) with his mother. The scores confirmed concerns with the child’s communication. After speaking with the mother about service options, the mother decided to move forward with a referral to Homesafe, an entry agency in Palm Beach County for 0-5 year-olds. From there, the child was referred to Early Steps and began receiving services. The mother also reached out with parenting and developmental questions about her newborn. The HMGF care coordinator assisted her with completing a questionnaire for her newborn and provided information on at-home activities to continue to encourage healthy development. The care coordinator will follow-up with the family again in four months to check on the newborn’s development and behavioral progress.
Funding Request: Help Me Grow® Florida seeks $4.5M annually to support Help me Grow® Florida affiliates.

2022-2023 FY AFFILIATES

13 local affiliate sites implement HMGF in 38 counties

- **2-1-1 Big Bend**
  Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla

- **2-1-1 Brevard**
  Brevard

- **2-1-1 Palm Beach/ Treasure Coast**
  Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie

- **Children’s Home Society Tallahassee Gainesville Region**
  Alachua

- **Children’s Home Society of Suncoast Region**
  Pinellas

- **Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County, Inc.**
  Hillsborough

- **Early Learning Coalition of Duval County**
  Duval, Clay, Nassau

- **Early Learning Coalition of Flagler and Volusia Counties**
  Volusia, Flagler, Putnam

- **Early Learning Coalition of Lake County**
  Lake

- **Early Learning Coalition of Marion County**
  Marion

- **Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida**
  Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington

- **Heart of Florida United Way**
  Orange, Osceola, Seminole

- **United Way of Lee, Hendry, and Glades**
  Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier

HMG empowers families through a coordinated system that:
- Provides parenting information to encourage child development with confidence
- Connects children and families to the services they need with dedicated follow-up
- Offers resources for ALL Florida families with children birth through age 8
- Guides families through free developmental and behavioral screenings

For more information, please visit www.helpmegrowfl.org.

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