# Help Me Grow SC

## Lorraine Cragan-Sullivan Community Outreach-Upstate



# **Help Me Grow National Center**

Founded by Dr. Paul Dworkin in Hartford, CT Help Me Grow National Center

Affiliate Network: 105 systems in 30 states





# **Help Me Grow System Model**



Advancing Developmental Promotion, Early Identification & Linkage to Services



# **Help Me Grow SC**

- Prisma Health-Upstate
  - Health Sciences
    - Bradshaw Institute for Community Child Health & Advocacy
      - Healthy Child
         Development
      - Injury Prevention
      - Child Abuse Prevention
      - School Health
      - Community Pediatrics

- Primarily grant funded
- At no cost to families
- Over phone, online, text: convenient for families
- English/Spanish
   bilingual staff, access to
   translation services for
   other languages



# **Counties Served**

#### Upstate

- Anderson
- Greenville
- Laurens
- Oconee
- Pickens
- Spartanburg

#### Lowcountry

- Beaufort
- Berkeley
- Charleston
- Colleton
- Dorchester
- Beaufort





#### Promote the healthy development of South Carolina's children through age five





# What's the big deal?

- Low developmental screening rates in SC within pediatric practices
- Families don't know what they don't know; don't know where to go to get help
- 1 in 6 children are diagnosed with a developmental delay or disability in SC (ages 3-17); higher than national average of 1 in 5
- 70% of children with delays/disabilities are not diagnosed until entry into school (age 5+)
- 71% of SC fourth graders are not proficient in reading
- 74% of SC eighth graders are not proficient in math
- Early intervention & services make a difference



CDC's Learn the Signs. Act Early. (promotion & early detection)

- Promotes parent-engaged developmental monitoring of developmental milestones
- Free materials, online resources and training



<u>https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/index.</u>
 <u>html</u>
 HelpMeGrow

South Carolina

## Well Visit Planner (promotion & early detection)



South Carolina

provider

#### Are you prepared for your child's next well-visit appointment? The Well-Visit Planner can help

<ul> <li>Takes 10 minutes to complete</li> <li>Based on national recommendations for parents/guardians of children</li> </ul>	Explore key issues and needs important to the health of your child and family Learn about important topics to discuss with your healthcare	<ul> <li><u>Just 3 Easy Steps to complete:</u></li> <li>1. Answer a Questionnaire specific to your child's age</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4 months to 6 years of age</li> <li>Designed to customize, tailor, and improve the quality of well-child care for young children by engaging parents as proactive partners in planning and conducting well- child care visits</li> </ul>	provider <u>Pick</u> your top priorities and get educational information before the visit	<ol> <li>Pick Priorities that you would like to address at your child's well-visit appointment</li> </ol>
	Partner with your child's provider by sharing your	3. Get Your Visit Guide to share with your healthcare

personalized visit guide



Visit <u>www.wellvisitplanner.org/helpmegrowsc</u> or call Help Me Grow SC at **1-855-476-9211** before your next well-visit appointment!

- 4 months to 6 years
- Answer a questionnaire
- Pick priorities
- Get your visit guide
- Educational material per well visit

http://www.wellvisitplanner.org/helpmegrowsc



#### **Developmental Screening** (promotion & early detection)

- Ages & Stages
   Questionnare-3,
   ASQ:SE-2
- Ages 1 month through
   66 months
- Promote developmental screening via HMG SC at 6 week follow-up
- Parent Rx sheet







- Support caregivers in accessing developmental & behavioral communitybased resources
- Support for caregivers (answer questions, home visiting & parenting resources)
- Inform statewide partners of barriers to accessing services



# Dental Outreach



## **Our Interest**

- Heard from dentists that families are discussing developmental issues, most often speech concerns
- Research linking outcomes to oral health
- Personal experiences with dentists



#### Children with good oral health are:

#### Let's get it right from the start!



1. Less likely to suffer from chronic strep throat and ear infections

Less likely to need expensive dental treatments

3. More likely to attend, concentrate and succeed in school



4. Less likely to suffer from speech development or early learning issues



5. More likely to have healthy self-esteem

https://www.childrenscolorado.org/doctors-and-departments/departments/dental/conditions-we-treat/



- Pediatric dental practices in Upstate & Lowcountry
- Track how many families heard about HMG SC via dental practice
- Dental practice & HMG SC share feedback



# **Connect Families to HMG SC**

- Place poster (English & Spanish) in waiting room
- Share flyer with families in office



# **Potential Future Phases**

- Care Coordination staff encourage dental follow-up
- Add content to HMG SC website-importance of dental care
- Expand to additional practices



# **Contact Information**

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