

***Help Me Grow* National Common Indicators**

Affiliate states are required to collect and report data on a common set of indicators developed by the National Center. Data collected will help affiliates to monitor their progress and share lessons learned with other states and the National Center. Additionally data collected will:

- Enable states to build their data systems
- Enable states to more efficiently pull data to share with their key stakeholders for fundraising and advocacy
- Enable states to contribute to the national dialogue on promoting early detection and intervention and the role of *HMG* systems in doing so
- Enable states to learn how their system data is similar to/different from aggregate national data
- Enable the National Center to advocate on behalf of the national network more effectively
- Position the National Center and the affiliated states as leaders in the child development field

***The *Help Me Grow* Common Indicators are defined as follows:**

1. *Help Me Grow* Demographics

- a) Number of children entered into client tracking system (unduplicated count per calendar year)
- b) Who initially contacted *Help Me Grow* on behalf of the child?
- c) Age of child at time of initial entry (Includes prenatal as an age)?
- d) Ethnicity of the child?
- e) How did the initial caller learn about *Help Me Grow*?
- f) What state does the child live in?

2. Nature of Presenting Issues

- a) Number by type of presenting issues/concerns *.
- b) Number of children entered in client tracking system for linkage to services as a result of developmental screening.

3. Referrals by *Help Me Grow* to Service/Programs

- a) Top five types of services to which referrals were made *.
- b) Top five service/program gaps (service/program gap means a service/program does not exist to address the need).
- c) Top five barriers that keep children from receiving a service/program that does exist.

4. *Help Me Grow* Outcomes

- a) Total number of children successfully connected to at least one service *.
- b) Total number of children referred for services and are pending the start date *.

* Definitions and Categories provided by *Help Me Grow* National