

# Monthly Help Me Grow Update Call November 20, 2014



## Central Coordination

- We have been receiving some feedback from our previous request for budget and expenditure information that has pointed out that there are more discrepancies in the information and the way you have reported your expenditures than what we were aware of. So we want to give better guidance with an understanding of what we are looking for. To better understand how your county is funding the various Help Me Grow Programs (Early Intervention, Home Visiting and Central Coordination), we are asking for information surrounding in what ways you are funding your programs. In looking at previous budgets that have been submitted, we have noticed that many counties have been funding their early intervention and home visiting programs with their central coordination dollars under the reporting title of other HMG programs. In order to see exactly how you have been spending your central coordination dollars and to look at how to future allocate both central coordination and early intervention allocations, we would appreciate your assistance in getting the correct budget amounts for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. You will be hearing from your Program Consultants in the next day or two with more detailed guidance on moving forward.
- The Ohio Department of Health Help Me Grow programs would like to announce the release of the Central Coordination toolkit. This toolkit includes resources to help you start discussion locally about expanding scale and/or scope of central coordination for HMG in SFY 2016.
  - Expansion will not be mandatory from ODH for SFY 2016. Using the toolkit is not mandatory; but a resource we hope you will use, as needed.
  - For your ease of use, we have attached the Toolkit as one word document here, so you have it in an editable format.
  - A pdf version is on the HMG website here:  
<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/Resources/HMG%20Provider%20Resources.aspx>
  - We will be hosting a call on Wednesday November 26 at 1pm to talk more about the toolkit, expectations, and to answer any questions you may have.

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| HMG Monthly Update Call Schedule 2015<br>Thursdays |         |
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| January 15, 2015                                   | 2:00 PM |
| February 19, 2015                                  | 2:00 PM |
| March 19, 2015                                     | 2:00 PM |
| April 16, 2015                                     | 2:00 PM |
| May 21, 2015                                       | 2:00 PM |
| June 18, 2015                                      | 2:00 PM |
| July 16, 2015                                      | 2:00 PM |
| August 20, 2015                                    | 2:00 PM |
| September 17, 2015                                 | 2:00 PM |
| October 15, 2015                                   | 2:00 PM |
| November 19, 2015                                  | 2:00 PM |
| December 17, 2015                                  | 2:00 PM |

Please contact **Shakila Hairston** with any questions regarding call information  
[Shakila.hairston@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Shakila.hairston@odh.ohio.gov)

**Save the Date!!**

**On December 4, 12:00 – 3:00 pm, Your EI and HV program consultants will be offering a working seminar focused on Help Me Grow Implementation Updates/Technical Assistance to provide direct, intensive TA for HMG HV and EI providers. At this session, we will be giving away Battelle kits, ASQ manuals, and extra scoring sheets and supplies that we have for providers to take for free!**

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**Help Me Grow Promotion to Drs. In Ohio**



A communication to 9,000 Pediatricians and Family Practice Physicians in Ohio is being mailed as we speak. We have placed the same documents we are mailing up on the website here (<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/Resources/HMG%20Provider%20Resources.aspx>) so that you can see what was sent and also start conversations with these medical professionals where it has historically been difficult. The materials include information about HMG EI and HV and we plan on following up this mailing with another in December where we will provide Developmental Wheels for the practices.

**Early Intervention**

- **Eligibility Note:** With the new rules, children who come into EI after January 15, 2015 without documentation of their eligible diagnosed condition will NOT BE ELIGIBLE. Therefore, children

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who are in EI now and have the 180 calendar days to provide documentation of diagnosed condition are at risk of being made INELIGIBLE on January 15, 2015 when the new rule goes into effect. We highly suggest that you start now by asking for documentation of diagnosed conditions and/or HEA 8024 upon entry into the program and obtain the documentation within the new rule requirement of 45 calendar days, or offer a developmental evaluation to otherwise determine EI eligibility.

- **SFY 2014 EI Data now available!** Go to <http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/> and click on Early Intervention, then EI Updates to see where the state was in Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) for referrals, child count, services provided and other interesting data facts.
- **You Might Have Heard.....**A Bayley trainer mistakenly asserted that the Bayley Scales of Infant Development would soon become the only evaluation tool allowed in EI in Ohio. This is untrue and the trainer has been corrected.
- The **Annual Performance Report** will be available for public comment starting on November 21, 2014 at [www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov](http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov) under Early Intervention and Federal Reporting links. Instructions on how to provide comment will be included in the document. The open public comment period is November 22, 2014 – January 2, 2015. Then, the final APR will be submitted to USDOE/OSEP February 2, 2015 and a copy will be placed on the website in this same location.
- The Administrative Agents on behalf of FCFC must be diligent in reviewing the GMIS Bulletin Board frequently. On November 12, 2014, Director Hodges posted a memo regarding the CY 2015 Quarterly Allotments and CY 2016 100% Reimbursement Memo. The memo states that the Ohio Office of Internal Audit has agreed to allow ODH one more year to transition to 100% reimbursement during CY 2016. This will allow the counties a year to plan for this change. The SFY 2016 RFP for HMG Early Intervention will remain at the 20% quarterly allotments. You can expect the SFY 16 RFP to be posted on the ODH internet by 1.27.2015 and the Notice of Intent to Apply will be due roughly a week later. Any changes in the Administrative Agents for the FCFC must be determined at that time and reported to the OFCFC.
- We have been receiving calls from the field about not receiving the guidance document on Timely Receipt of Services (TRS) which was developed in partnership with DODD. The document is available here on the HMG website:  
[http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/~media/HelpMeGrow/ASSETS/Files/Professionals%20Gallery/HMG%20Early%20Intervention/EI%20Guidance%20Documents/TRS\\_Guidance\\_EI%20POSTED\\_10-10-2014.ashx](http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/~media/HelpMeGrow/ASSETS/Files/Professionals%20Gallery/HMG%20Early%20Intervention/EI%20Guidance%20Documents/TRS_Guidance_EI%20POSTED_10-10-2014.ashx). Contract Managers are to ensure that all service coordinators have received this and are educated about the information. If you have any questions or need assistance in reviewing this document, please contact your EI Consultant.
- Available on the HMG website in Early Intervention is a new guidance document: #18 Time and Activity for Help Me Grow Early Intervention Grantees. We have also provided an example of a Time and Activity log as documentation required as the recipient of federal funds as it relates to Early Intervention in HMG. A word version is included if you need to make any adjustments to meet your county's specific needs.  
You can access the information at:



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<http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/Early%20Intervention/EI%20Memos%20and%20Guidance.aspx>

- Beginning January 12, 2015, the ODH EI Team will offer one hour monthly conference calls specifically targeted for all EI Service Coordinator's. The conference calls will occur the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month through June from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Each month we will briefly review one of the federally mandated activities expected of the Service Coordinator found in the OAC Rule 3701-8-7.0 and 3701-8-7.1 and in the federal regulations at §34 CFR 303.3. We will discuss what this actually means for Service Coordinators when working with families. There will be plenty of time allowed for questions and answers. Look for additional information in the December monthly handout call.

### EI Monitoring

**SFY14 Baseline Analyses:** The SFY14 45 Day baseline analysis process has been completed and memos have been sent out, thus wrapping up the last of the baseline analyses for SFY14.

**SFY14 Family Questionnaire:** Last Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, was the last day for ODH to accept Family Questionnaires for this year's analysis. The final analysis is underway, and the results will be included in the APR when it is posted next week.

**SFY15 Baseline Analyses:** A schedule for the SFY15 baseline analyses is currently being finalized, with the 45 Day analysis process to begin in January, Transition (TPC and Steps) to begin in April, and TRS to begin in July. Group 1 counties will be included in the Transition analysis for SFY15, Group 2 counties in the TRS analysis, and Group 3 counties in the 45 Day analysis (see groups in table below).

| Group 1 - Transition | Group 2 - TRS | Group 3 – 45 Day |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Belmont              | Allen         | Adams            |
| Carroll              | Ashtabula     | Ashland          |
| Clark                | Brown         | Athens           |
| Clermont             | Butler        | Auglaize         |
| Clinton              | Champaign     | Coshocton        |
| Franklin             | Columbiana    | Cuyahoga         |
| Gallia               | Crawford      | Defiance         |
| Geauga               | Darke         | Erie             |
| Greene               | Delaware      | Fayette          |
| Henry                | Fairfield     | Hamilton         |
| Hocking              | Fulton        | Harrison         |
| Holmes               | Guernsey      | Highland         |
| Jefferson            | Hancock       | Knox             |
| Lawrence             | Hardin        | Lake             |
| Logan                | Huron         | Licking          |



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| <b>Group 1 - Transition</b> | <b>Group 2 - TRS</b> | <b>Group 3 – 45 Day</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Lorain                      | Jackson              | Madison                 |
| Lucas                       | Meigs                | Mahoning                |
| Medina                      | Mercer               | Marion                  |
| Monroe                      | Montgomery           | Miami                   |
| Noble                       | Morgan               | Morrow                  |
| Ottawa                      | Muskingum            | Pickaway                |
| Portage                     | Paulding             | Preble                  |
| Putnam                      | Perry                | Richland                |
| Sandusky                    | Pike                 | Shelby                  |
| Seneca                      | Ross                 | Summit                  |
| Tuscarawas                  | Scioto               | Warren                  |
| Van Wert                    | Stark                | Wood                    |
| Vinton                      | Trumbull             | Wyandot                 |
| Washington                  | Union                |                         |
| Wayne                       | Williams             |                         |

**Home Visiting**

- The Help Me Grow Home Visiting Team wants to thank all of the participant’s at the most recent regional meetings. The information you have been able to provide our team, as always, is invaluable as we all work towards implementing high-quality, evidence-based home visiting. Once the last meeting is completed, we will be summarizing what we heard and all action items we will be moving on.

The Ohio Home Visiting Learning Collaborative Network has started!! Eight HMGHV provider agencies met this past Monday with the ODH team and the CQI team from Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center in Huron County for the first Learning Session. This pilot effort will help us learn how to design and implement a collaborative network among home visiting agencies in Ohio. We will learn from shared experience and use quality improvement methods to identify strategies that can optimize:

- The time from referral to first visit
- The length of time families are enrolled
- The average number of visits per family

During the course of the Learning Session we learned about:

- Being pioneers for quality science in home visiting
- The current state of family engagement and retention at home visiting agencies in Ohio
- Translating evidence into practice
- Identifying change, measurement strategies, and improvement
- The PDSA model



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### Early Track

Early Track will next be updated on January 15, 2015. These updates will be focused on changes necessary for the Help Me Grow rules. If Early Track screens needed to change as part of the new rules, users will be unable to use the old screens to do data entry for records. Therefore, users should ensure that any data entry is complete and up-to-date in Early Track by January 15, 2015.

### Professional Development/Training

- OCCRRA, where you submit your credential documents, will be closed December 24, 2014 through January 4, 2015
- We are trying to gauge how many people would be interested in an ADVANCED BAYLEY SCALES training. If you are interested, please email Karen Auble ([Karen.Auble@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Karen.Auble@odh.ohio.gov)) the number of people you would want to attend if such a training were coordinated this fiscal year.

### Resources

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is pleased to announce [The Ohio Hearing Aid Assistance Program \(OHAAP\)](#) beginning August 2014. OHAAP is a temporary assistance program for families with permanently hearing impaired children from birth to age 21 for hearing aids. Please share this information with any families that may be eligible for assistance or providers that may be interested. Contact Melissa McCoy at [Melissa.Mccoy@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Melissa.Mccoy@odh.ohio.gov) or (614) 466-1995 with any questions regarding the OHAAP program.

This program will assist families with incomes of between 200% and 400% of the federal poverty level with the purchase of hearing aids for children from birth to age 21. (Families with income of less than 200% of the FPL should be referred to Medicaid or BCMH for services.). Licensed Audiologists and Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters serving as OHAAP providers have a signed agreement in place with the ODH and are able to assist with children eligible for the program.

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**Sherrod Brown on the success of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting**



U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) met with Cincinnati Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell and Delaware County Sheriff Russell Martin in Washington, D.C. Brown, Blackwell, and Russell discussed the success of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Programs in Ohio and the pressing need to extend funding for the program which is set to expire on March 31, 2015. Chief Blackwell and Sheriff Martin spoke under the auspices of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a bipartisan non-profit anti-crime organization.

Brown said, “Home Visiting programs are proven methods to help ensure that at-risk parents have the resources needed to ensure the safety and emotional and physical development of their children,” Brown said. “Prevention begins in the home and the Home Visiting model is critical for the well-being of our communities.”

The formalized grant program for the MIECHV program was authorized as part of the health law in 2010. It provides federal grants that states and localities use to implement intensive home visiting services for high-risk families, facilitated by nurses, social workers, and parent educators. These trained professionals provide parents with family support and coaching, and help families access community resources. Participants in these programs experience lower rates of abuse, neglect, and incarceration.

Brown continues to be a strong advocate for programs that support mothers and babies before and after birth. He helped pass the *Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014* in March, commonly known as the “doc fix”, which included his amendment to extend the MIECHV program for another six months, past its expiration date of September 30, 2014. He said he will continue to support extension of this critical prevention program in 2015.

Brown also introduced the *Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act*, a bill which standardizes and enhances reporting of unexpected deaths in infants and young children to help authorities better understand causes of infant and young children death and prevent them. The legislation passed the House in September and is scheduled for markup by the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions tomorrow.

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**Culture Counts: Engaging Black and Latino Parents of Young Children in Family Support Programs**

Child Trends has published a new report focused on family support programs and strategies for reaching and engaging black and Latino families, with the ultimate goal of supporting young children's development. [Culture Counts: Engaging Black and Latino Parents of Young Children in Family Support Programs](#) (October 2014) presents a synthesis of available research on parent engagement and potential barriers to parent engagement in family support programs and provides recommendations for designing, adapting, and evaluating programs with culture in mind. It was funded by the Alliance for Early Success. Find it here:

<http://www.childtrends.org/?publications=culture-counts-engaging-black-and-latino-parents-of-young-children-in-family-support-programs-report>

On October 12, 2014, the American Academy of Pediatrics released a toolkit with information and resources for pediatric health care professionals and families about the benefits of promoting early literacy and early learning for children. The [Books Build Connections Toolkit](#) also provides tips and publications to help encourage families to talk, read, and sing with their children. The toolkit is a follow-up to the [AAP policy statement on promoting early literacy](#) that was released in June 2014. Access it here: <http://littoolkit.aap.org/Pages/home.aspx>

**Final FY 2016 FMAPs**

On September 30, 2014, the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) [released](#) revised state personal income and per capita personal income data for 2013 as well as revisions for prior years. The federal government uses state per capita personal income to calculate each state's reimbursement rate for Medicaid and other grant programs such as Title IV-E adoption assistance and foster care. This matching rate, calculated annually, is known as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) uses an enhanced FMAP, which is higher than the Medicaid matching rate. This *Issue Brief* summarizes the BEA data and provides FFIS's estimates of the final FY 2016 FMAPs and enhanced FMAPs. Based on the new data, FFIS estimates that FMAPs will increase in 22 states and decline in 16 states. Find it here: <http://www.ffis.org/node/3523>

**Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) describes an array of early intervention (EI) services, including special instruction, that are available to support families of eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. A new position statement from the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children, [The Role of Special Instruction in Early Intervention](#) (2014), clarifies the role of special instructors and addresses the following topics:**

- **A description of special instruction in the context of early intervention;**
- **Professional preparation and qualifications of special instructors;**
- **The role of the special instructor in the EI process; and**
- **The uniqueness of the service in the field and in the lives of children and families.**



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**Find it here:**

<http://dec.membershipsoftware.org/files/Position%20Statement%20and%20Papers/EI%20Position%20Statement%206%202014.pdf>

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ZERO TO THREE is excited to announce **Beyond the Word Gap**, a new multimedia web portal designed to provide parents, professionals, and policymakers the resources they need to close the word gap and support early language and literacy.

We are thrilled by the momentum being created through conversations about the “word gap” and the growing recognition that learning happens from the start. Beyond the Word Gap builds on this conversation by highlighting the critical role that close, nurturing relationships with trusted adults play not only children’s early language skills, but all aspects of development.

Beyond the Word Gap features resources in both English and Spanish, and includes mobile apps, interactive online tools, videos, infographics, podcasts, policy materials, and more. A key feature of the Beyond the Word Gap web portal is ZERO TO THREE’s new, free app, [Let’s Play!](#), which provides parents and caregivers easy, fun ideas for engaging babies and toddlers during daily routines, emphasizing the importance of making all activities a language-rich experience. To learn more, visit [www.beyondthewordgap.org](http://www.beyondthewordgap.org).

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**SAVE THE DATES! SAVE THE DATES!**

## Infant Mortality Summit

**Dec. 3 - 4, 2014**



Dear Fellow Ohioans,

In November 2012, the **Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality** mounted the first **Ohio Infant Mortality Summit**. Our goal was to *turn up the volume* on infant mortality and help Ohioans come to grips with our serious infant death and racial disparities challenge. In the wake of that successful event, attended by more than 900 of you, we have worked together to make major strides both locally and statewide with the public, the media, legislators, and individuals and organizations across Ohio, with everyone gaining a new awareness and resolve to *do something*. **However, our work is just beginning**. Ohio, though improving, is still far below the national objective with regard to babies and especially African-American babies who die in their first year of life.

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**Please reserve December 3 and 4 on your calendars for the 2014 Infant Mortality Summit in Columbus.** At this event, we will come together to rededicate ourselves and reinvigorate our efforts to make sure every Ohio mother has the opportunity to deliver a full-term, healthy baby and that every Ohio baby can live to celebrate a first birthday.

For more information: <http://bit.ly/imsummit2014>

To preregister: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IMprereg>

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New IDEA Part C Training Modules Released

Several new modules have recently been added to the Building the Legacy for Our Youngest Children with Disabilities: A Training Curriculum on IDEA 2004's Part C. The Part C training curriculum is primarily meant to be used by trainers to train others about the early intervention program under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). It is being developed by National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) at the request of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). See information about the training curriculum to learn more. The newest modules include:

- Module 3: Pre-Referral and Referral Activities
- Module 4: Screening, Evaluation, and Assessment Procedures
- Module 5: Procedures for IFSP Development, Review, and Evaluation
- Module 6: Content of the IFSP
- Module 14: System of Payments and Use of Funds in Part C

Access the modules here: <http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/legacy-partc/>

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**Grant Notices - Personnel Development To Improve Services and Results for Children With Disabilities**

On October 22, 2014, the U.S. Department of Education published the following grant notices in the Federal Register

- [Preparation of Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services Leadership Personnel](#) (CFDA No. 84.325D) - Applications must be submitted by December 12, 2014.
- [Personnel Preparation in Special Education, Early Intervention, and Related Services](#) (CFDA No. 84.325K) - Applications must be submitted by December, 2014.



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The application packages for the 84.325D and 84.325K competitions are posted on the Department's Website at <http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html> and also on <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>

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[State Policies that Support the Intersection between Health and Early Learning](#) - In 2014, the Alliance conducted key-informant interviews and convened a Health Policy Roundtable bringing together experts from a broad range of early childhood and health-related fields. This paper highlights key findings from that process and discusses critical policies that intersect the health and learning domains and can lead to good health, learning, and family outcomes. Find it here: <http://earlysuccess.org/sites/default/files/Health%20Policies%20Paper.pdf>

[Bridging State Policies for Children and Families](#) - In 2014, the Alliance conducted key-informant interviews and convened a Bridging State Policies for Children and Families meeting with the National Governors Association and the Annie E. Casey Foundation. This paper summarizes key policy recommendations that emerged from those conversations on how to bridge state policies between family support and early childhood for improved results. Find it here: <http://earlysuccess.org/sites/default/files/AESBridgingPaper6.pdf>

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The Columbus Children's Theatre puts on Sensory Friendly performances! Visit their website at [www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org](http://www.columbuschildrenstheatre.org) or call them directly by calling 614-224-6673.

**The following two items are from the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome NOFAS Weekly Roundup newsletter.**

### **Research News – Click on Links**

#### [Nutrition Implications for FASD](#)

“Because there is a lack of information on the role of nutrients and prenatal nutrition interventions for FASD, the focus of this review is to provide an overview of nutrients (vitamin A, docosahexaenoic acid, folic acid, zinc, choline, vitamin E, and selenium) that may prevent or alleviate the development of FASD.” – *Advances in Nutrition*

### **Webinars**

#### [Free NOFAS Webinar: "Why Some Pregnant Women Drink"](#)

November 19, 2014. 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST.

The November 2104 edition of the NOFAS Webinar Series features Dr. Mary DeJoseph, a Family Medicine practitioner with 25 years of personal and professional experience with FASD.

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**Health Insurance Marketplace: Open Enrollment thru February 15**

**Time to help people fill out or update a Marketplace application to enroll, renew or change their health insurance plans!**

Those who enroll by December 15, will have coverage on January 1, "a pretty good New Year's present," noted HRSA Administrator Mary K. Wakefield, PhD, RN., at Rock Enroll at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame November 13.

HRSA-supported health centers are helping uninsured patients and others in their approved service areas gain access to affordable health insurance coverage through the Marketplace, Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grantees are assisting clients to increase their access to affordable, quality health care.

Rural health grantees are working to inform Americans living in rural areas about benefits available to them under the Affordable Care Act and to help them sign up for health insurance coverage.

Everyone involved in health care for underserved people can join them with information and resources specifically for safety net providers.

Learn more: [Affordable Care Act and HRSA Programs](#)

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During this month we are especially reminded of how thankful ODH is for the hard work, commitment and advocacy you do every day on behalf of the infants, toddlers and their families throughout Ohio.