



Ohio Family and Children First Initiative Help Me Grow Program



State of Ohio — All Counties Statewide Profile Report for SFY06

Reporting Period July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2006

2005 Population (est): 11,464,042
 Children < age 3 (est): 440,192
 County Seat: Columbus

Lead Agency Address: Ohio Department of Health
 Bureau of Early Intervention Services
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Outcomes and Highlights

Lake County Success Story

A newborn home visit nurse completed a visit with a Spanish-speaking mother and her newborn. The home was very warm inside as it was over 90 degrees outside that day. The mother indicated to the nurse through an interpreter that she planned on giving her baby a bottle full of cool tea to prevent him from getting overheated. The nurse reviewed the importance of maintaining the baby's health and nutrition through providing him only with formula that was properly prepared. The nurse recommended the mother follow up with her pediatrician to review nutrition and feeding information. The nurse also inquired about the smoke alarm, which turned out to need a new battery. The nurse went on to review the importance of changing the battery in the smoke detector frequently in order to help ensure it works properly.

Noble County Success Story

Help Me Grow assisted a young family with three children during very difficult times in their lives. The oldest son had been receiving Help Me Grow services for a few years when his father was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Help Me Grow pulled together a benefit to provide some financial support to the family. Just as the oldest boy was transitioning out of Help Me Grow, the mother found out she was pregnant with twins. During the second trimester of the pregnancy; however, the mother learned that one of the twins' intestines was growing outside of his body. When the twins were born, surgery was completed to correct the defect, but both twins remained hospitalized. They were both diagnosed with a very rare genetic

disorder. One twin was discharged from the hospital at 14 weeks and began receiving ongoing Help Me Grow services. The other twin remained in the hospital until he was 5 1/2 months old. The service coordinator worked with the family to educate them about the characteristics of the genetic disorder and even found a specialist in St. Louis who performs surgery to correct a physical abnormality. Again, Help Me Grow raised the money for the family to travel to St. Louis for the operation. This twin no longer requires a feeding tube for his nourishment. Today, the twins remain in Help Me Grow, the oldest son is enrolled in public preschool, the father's cancer is in remission and the mother continues to hold the family together.

Van Wert County Success Story

Over the past year, many families have experienced success and independence through their involvement with Van Wert County Help Me Grow. One family with a set of infant twins and a 5-year-old child noticed one of the twins was lagging behind the other in speech development. The family doctor was not able to determine exactly what was causing the speech delay. Through an evaluation conducted by Help Me Grow, the child's problem was identified and the child was subsequently referred to a specialist for treatment. The specialist located and removed a tumor that was affecting the child's hearing. Within two weeks of the procedure, the child's speech had accelerated to the point where he had the same verbal skills as his sibling. The child's parents noticed the child also appeared happier and more sociable once the impairment was resolved and expressed their thanks for the assistance provided by Help Me Grow staff.



Child Demographics by Race and Ethnicity

<u>Racial/Ethnic Category</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>% of Children</u>
White/Not Hispanic	30,330	59
African-American/Not Hispanic	14,520	28
Hispanic	3,478	7
American Indian/Alaskan Native	480	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	464	1
Multi-Racial	2,157	4

Participant Information for All Help Me Grow Children

<u>Cumulative Number of Children Served</u>		<u>Average Age at Eligibility (in months)</u>	
Children with delays or disabilities	21,121	Children with delays or disabilities	13.3
Children at risk for delay or disability	33,059	Children at risk for delay or disability	2.8
Unduplicated count of all children	51,430	All Help Me Grow children	6.9

Newborn Home Visits

Number of newborn home visits completed	44,360
Average age at initial visit (in days)*	26
Referrals made for ongoing HMG services by newborn home visiting nurse	2,251
Referrals determined eligible for ongoing HMG services	1,591

* HMG policy states home visits are to be completed within six weeks of the child's birth

Children with Delays or Disabilities

<u>Eligibility Based On</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>% of Children</u>
Developmental delay	13,021	62
Diagnosed medical condition	4,798	23
Both delay and diagnosis	2,800	13
Not reported	502	2

Types of Delays Reported among Children with Delays or Disabilities*

<u>Type of Delay Reported</u>	<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>% of Children</u>
Adaptive	3,657	23
Cognitive	3,524	22
Communication	10,665	67
Physical (motor skills)	8,444	53
Social or emotional	2,515	16

*Only children with delay or both diagnosis and delay; will not equal total number of children in these two groups and percentage will not equal 100% as more than one type of delay may be reported for each child

Children at Risk for Delays or Disabilities—Most Frequently Reported Risk Factors

<u>Type of Risk Factor Reported</u>	<u>% of Children at Risk*</u>
Family Income up to 185% of FPL	84
Demographic Characteristics	76
Family has Inadequate Health Care	42
Chronically Disturbed Family Interaction	38
Adolescent Mother	31
Physical/Social Isolation	29
Acute Family Crisis	28
Serious Concern	18
Maternal/Prenatal Substance Abuse	17
Parent or Primary Caregiver with History of Loss	14

*Percentages will not total 100% as children have more than one risk factor reported

Family Outcome Data

<u>Percentage of Help Me Grow Families Whose Children Have a Delay or Disability who Report HMG has Helped Their Family:</u>		<u>Number of Respondents</u>	<u>State %*</u>
1.	Know their rights	1,397	91
2.	Effectively communicate their children's needs	1,410	92
3.	Help their children develop and learn	1,397	91

*Statewide percentage is based on a total of 1,543 survey responses.