

First 5 San Joaquin

Help Me Grow Fact Sheet



Early identification of developmental needs is a critical way to ensure that children are able to receive services that support their health and well-being. Since 2014, Help Me Grow San Joaquin has been part of Help Me Grow National, a model that seeks to advance knowledge of early childhood development, including early detection of developmental needs and linkage to services. Help Me Grow San Joaquin includes four key components to accomplish these goals. This fact sheet describes how these components are implemented in Help Me Grow San Joaquin, and how they are helping to improve local systems of care for young children in the county and state.



Goal

Improve the systems of care that support families with young children at risk of developmental and behavioral issues.

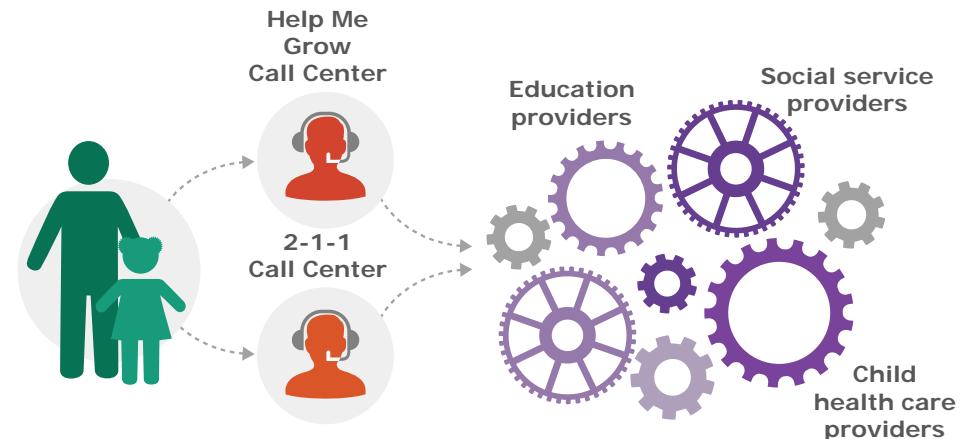
Funded Partners

In FY 2017-2018, five agencies received funding to support the work of Help Me Grow San Joaquin: Family Resource and Referral, First 5 San Joaquin, Stockton Unified School District, United Cerebral Palsy Great Beginnings, and the Family Resource Network (San Joaquin California Community Care Coordination Collaborative [5Cs]).



Centralized Access Point

The Help Me Grow Call Center and the 2-1-1 Call Center coordinate to offer a central access point that helps families connect with providers who can offer screening, assessment, treatment, and other services for their young children.

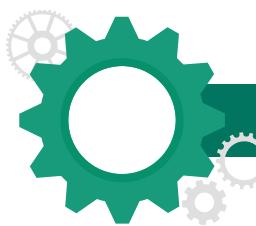


497 people contacted the Help Me Grow Call Center in 2016

443 callers were successfully connected to at least one service

303 2-1-1 callers were connected to the Help Me Grow Call Center in 2017 to address a child's developmental concerns or needs





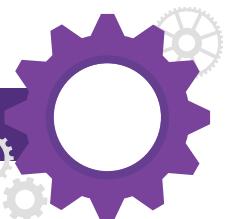
Family & Community Outreach

2,045 children ages 0-5 received ASQ screenings through First 5 San Joaquin contractors in FY 2016-2017

230 children ages 0-5 were referred for mandated early intervention services



Help Me Grow San Joaquin agencies conduct outreach to families across the county to increase utilization of the Help Me Grow Call Center. They also promote use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) developmental and socio-emotional screenings.



Child Health Provider Outreach

Help Me Grow San Joaquin offers training to improve providers' ability to identify, refer, and support children with developmental needs. These include workshops for providers who work with children ages 0-5 and trainings for providers to learn how to administer the Ages and Stages Questionnaire.



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staff from community agencies participated in Help Me Grow San Joaquin sponsored training



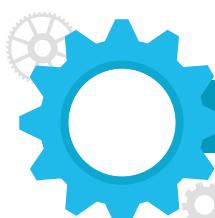
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non-medical professionals were trained on ASQ developmental screenings and Help Me Grow referrals



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Help Me Grow San Joaquin trainings on ASQ developmental screening, surveillance, and referrals were offered for medical staff



Data Collection & Analysis



As the "backbone organization" for Help Me Grow San Joaquin, First 5 San Joaquin helps funded agencies collect and report data that align with the Help Me Grow National Center's Common Indicators. These indicators are used to assess program reach and benefits to children and families. First 5 San Joaquin also contributes to statewide and national efforts to improve Help Me Grow evaluation.

"We talk constantly to see what we can do to improve services, and in order to do that, we're pulling data from the [Help Me Grow] database."

- Help Me Grow Call Center staff



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