ANNUAL REPORT

State Fiscal Year 2026 Impact Report

Bright Beginnings supports families during the crucial early years of a child's life to help children grow, learn, and develop to their fullest potential.

PROVIDING SERVICES ACROSS CUYAHOGA COUNTY:
EARLY INTERVENTION (EI)

Bright Beginnings provides Service Coordination, Evaluation and Assessments, and Social Work Services, and partners with Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center, Cleveland Sight Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Hopewell Health Center, and other Contracted Providers to deliver Early Intervention services.

REFERRALS



4,323 REFERRALS

REFERRAL SOURCES

- Hospital
- Family or Caregiver
- Children and Family Services
- Physician
- All Other Sources

ELIGIBILITY REASONS OF CHILDREN SERVED



3,000+ CHILDREN SERVED
with an IFSP in SFY26

3,674 SERVICES ON INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PLANS (IFSPs)

- 1,123 Speech-language pathology services
- 817 Occupational Therapy
- 792 Special Instruction
- 581 Physical Therapy
- 97 Family training, counseling and home visits
- 82 Transition-Based Outcome-(Service Coordination Only)
- 75 Social Work Services
- 36 Vision Services
- 33 Nutrition Services
- 38 Other

Other: Assistive Technology Devices and Services, Audiological Services, Psychological Services, Services Not Yet Coordinated, and Sign Language and Cued Language Services

PARENT FEEDBACK:

> *"Early Intervention has helped our family by providing support that's tailored to my child's needs. The therapists explain activities we can do at home, communicate well with us, and celebrate my child's progress. The services have helped my child develop new skills, and I have felt supported throughout the process."*

> *"The staff has been outstanding. Every interaction has felt individualized, flexible, and supportive. We could not recommend this program more."*

2026 FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Cuyahoga County made significant improvements in all areas compared to 2025! The largest improvement was the response rate increase from 22.56% to 28.13%.

98.92% — **98.92% of parents** responded, "I am satisfied with the respect shown to my family by EISCs and Service Providers."
↑ *3.24% point increase from SFY25*

98.11% — **98.11% of parents** responded, "I am satisfied with my family's participation in the development of our IFSP."
↑ *3.05% point increase from SFY25*

98.11% — **98.11% of parents** responded, "I am likely to recommend EI to another family."
↑ *4% point increase from SFY25*

97.84% — **97.84% of parents** responded, "I am satisfied with the assistance that EI has given my family."
↑ *4.94% point increase from SFY25*

97.57% — **97.57% of parents** responded, "EI has helped me to communicate my child's needs."
↑ 5.29% point increase from SFY25

95.03% — **95.03% of parents** responded, "EI has helped me to help my child learn and develop."
↑ *3.67% point increase from SFY25*

PARENT SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

Providing parents and caregivers with the knowledge, support, and resources essential for nurturing, empowering, and enriching their children, thereby paving the path to lifelong success.

CUYAHOGA PARENTS CONNECT

Parenting Support - Pregnancy to Kindergarten

has demonstrated consistent growth across both Facebook and Instagram since launch, reflecting increasing awareness and demand for the resources and connections provided.

5,740 MEMBERS, ONE COMMUNITY.

10 **In-Person Events uniting our community in SFY26**

228% average engagement rate in SFY26

reflecting strong and repeated community interaction through posts, comments, and reactions.
Note: Because members can interact multiple times, engagement can exceed 100%.

PARENT VOICES:

Quotes in response to a survey to capture "What do you value most about Cuyahoga Parents Connect?

> *"Access to information I wouldn't have found otherwise."*

> *"I value the friendships my children and I have made and the knowledge I have gained."*

> *"The amount of support from other parents/caregivers."*

> *"I've always appreciated the accessibility and honesty."*

facebook.com/groups/cuyahogaparentsconnect

@cuyahogaparentsconnect

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Met the unique needs of parents throughout the county by way of:

Discussion Groups

46 Group Sessions with **151** Unique Parents

- 99% of group satisfaction survey respondents stated they would come back to Triple P if they were to seek help again.

Individual Consultations

787 Sessions with **195** Unique Parents

- Results from the Parenting and Family Adjustment Scales (PAFAS) demonstrated a statistically significant improvement between pre and post surveys in all positive parenting categories:

Category	Percent Improvement
Parental Consistency	16%
Coercive Parenting	49%
Positive Engagement	52%
Parent-Child Relationship	59%
Parental Adjustment	35%
Family Relationships	30%
Parental Teamwork	28%

PARENT VOICE:

> *"This program was really helpful. I feel like I was just making it up as I go along with parenting and it was validating to hear some of the things I was doing well and learn where I could improve."*

HELP ME GROW HOME VISITING MODEL

PARENTS as TEACHERS

Bright Beginnings continues to be a **Parents as Teachers Blue Ribbon Affiliate,** which recognizes exemplary affiliates who deliver high-quality services to children and families.

Served **115 families** and **160** children with **1,140** home visits

- Average length of stay: **22 months**
- Average number of visits: **32 visits**

PARENT VOICE:

> *"I enjoy having the opportunity to feel included and about not being/feeling alone parenting, I'm very appreciative and look forward to the growth of my daughter."*



FATHERHOOD RESOURCES

Increasing father participation in all Parent Support Department programs throughout SFY26

PARENT VOICE:

> *"I truly appreciate the training and mentorship. I looked forward to our discussion and tried to implement the ideas shared with my twin boys. I feel more confident in my efforts to be a father."*

CUYAHOGA PARENTS CONNECT
Over 600 male caregivers belong to Cuyahoga Parents Connect (CPC) Facebook and Instagram accounts while **95 dads** attended CPC in-person events.

PARENTS as TEACHERS
Parents as Teachers served **59 dads** through **296 home visits**. **51% of PAT families** had a dad participate, and dads participated in **26% of all home visits.**

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM
Triple P served **52 dads** and demonstrated a **78% increase** in parental teamwork with participating couples compared to a **28% increase** for parents participating in the program alone.

PARENT VOICE:

> *"Triple P] has given us both the confidence as parents and helped arm us to give both of our children the support that they need. While progress is never linear, the improvement we have seen in Triple P has been so refreshing and reassuring for everyone."*

PROVIDING SERVICES ACROSS THE STATE OF OHIO:
HELP ME GROW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRAL INTAKE AND REFERRAL SYSTEM

Department of Children & Youth
Help Me Grow

HELP ME GROW:

Innovation and commitment so that every child in Ohio has the best possible start in life.

HELP ME GROW AUGMENTED REALITY SANDBOX EXHIBIT

NEW



Help Me Grow (HMG) launched a new traveling exhibit to raise awareness about the Sparkler: Play for Parenting app and all HMG services!

The traveling exhibit features the Help Me Grow augmented reality sandbox. While children play in the sand, parents can learn more about Help Me Grow and find supports to meet their needs.

The exhibit was installed first at the Children's Museum of Cleveland, and visited children's museums in Chillicothe, Mansfield, Youngstown, and Lima throughout the fiscal year.

Bright Beginnings maintains the www.helpmegrow.org website. During SFY26, the website received 3,155,191 visits, a 15% increase in website traffic from SFY25!

BY THE NUMBERS:



Over **80,000** incoming referrals

Over **9,500** outreach activities

HOME VISITING

12,548 Families accepted HMG Home Visiting

EARLY INTERVENTION

30,170 children assigned to HMG Early Intervention

FAMILY CONNECTS OHIO (FCO):

an evidence-based maternal and newborn home visiting model provides support for families with newborns by connecting them to nurses who will nurture the whole family and support a newborn's health and wellbeing.

2,984 Families accepted a Family Connects Ohio visit in SFY26.

Expanded statewide reach from 11 counties in SFY25 to 33 counties in SFY26.

Bright Beginnings:

- partners with Department of Children and Youth in the marketing of the program
- conducts outreach and intake for the program
- completes post visit connections for families (obtaining parent satisfaction for the program, and ensuring connections to needed services and supports)

COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORIES

- **17,399 visitors** in SFY26
- **Top keyword searches:** Home Visiting, Diapers, Speech, Autism, and Housing
- **New resources or tags added:** Substance Use, Birth Certificate, Resources for families with picky eaters, Resources for families who have twins/multiples, Low-cost or free indoor playgrounds, Low-cost phone programs, Amish resources, Low-cost or free co-parenting resources, Infant CPR training, Single Parent resources, Teen pregnancy resources, Bike helmet resources, and more

ASQ DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM | SPARKLER APP

20,525 distinct children received an ASQ screening, a **142.3% increase** from SFY25! **+142%**

45,067 ASQ screenings were completed, compared to 16,157 in SFY25 - *nearly triple the number*

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743 children then connected to Early Intervention, Home Visiting, and/or Preschool Special Education

Sparkler Dashboard profiles were created by Central Intake and Referral for: 500 new Program Partners for a total of 1,225 Program Partners since program inception.

Program Partners can view ASQ completions and scores, complete the ASQ screenings for children in their program; explore comprehensive library of play-based activities, download customized reports to share with families, and follow a child's developmental progress.

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