Capitalizing on Help Me Grow County Experiences

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Help Me Grow: Nationally-recognized model that increases coordination across systems of care to connect young children to screening and early intervention

Early identification and intervention (EII) system: System of services that identifies & addresses developmental and behavioral concerns and delays
Four Components

• Centralized Access Point
• Identification of Delays and Linkage to Resources
• Outreach and Education
• Data Collection and Analysis
HMG Reach & Counties Interviewed

Counties Interviewed

- Alameda
- Fresno
- Los Angeles
- Orange
- Sacramento
- San Francisco
- Shasta
- Ventura
- Yolo
Successes & Innovations

• Enhancing and developing new partnerships to realize collective impact
• Communities are being served better
• Real time understanding of available services and supports
• Piloting new ideas and developing innovative solutions to address systemic problems
Limitations & Complexities

• Data, data, data
  • Not all HMGs are collecting or reporting
  • Relevant systems don’t always work together

• Messaging
  • No statewide messaging or campaign
  • No standard pathway to navigate systems

• Funding
  • Prop 10 declining revenue
  • Inability for some First 5s to harness additional funds

• Local control
  • HMG systems reflective of local landscape
Lessons for the State

• Locally-informed centralized access point is important
• Community-based screening continue to play a role, even as health plans do more developmental screening
• Provide additional support for & oversight of Medi-Cal managed care plans
• Create statewide EII messaging and promotional materials
• Data should be linked across systems
Thank you!

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