

# Help Me Grow Kansas 2025 End of Year Report



2025 National Affiliate Advisory Board Member

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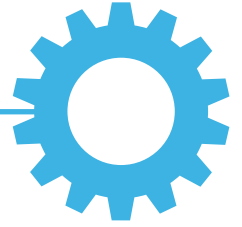
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# What Is Help Me Grow Kansas?



Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) is a coordinated framework that connects children and families to the right resources at the right time. It strengthens how existing services work together, guided by values of access, relationships, and follow-through.

Early childhood decision-makers, service providers, and community leaders across Kansas use this framework to direct investments and resources that support child and family well-being—making systems work better for the families navigating them.



## Core Components of Help Me Grow Kansas

### **Family & Community Outreach**

Engage families and communities through education and awareness, regular feedback conversations, and access to opportunities to advance children’s health and well-being.

### **Centralized Access Point**

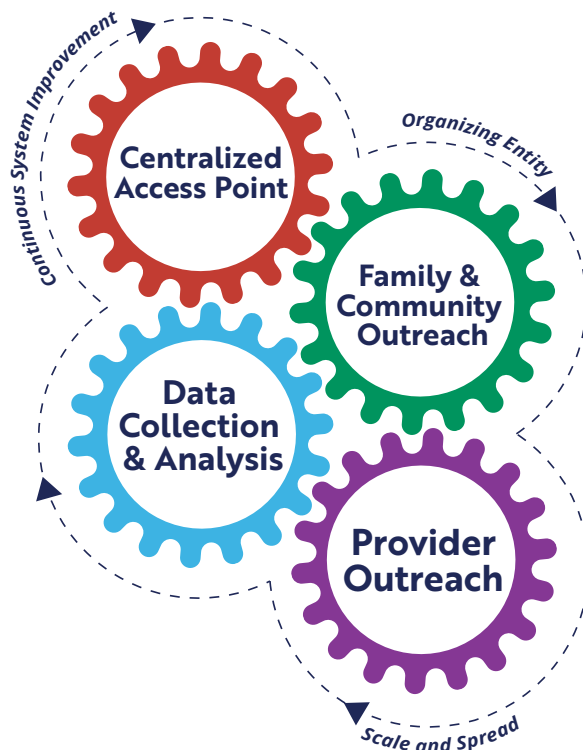
Establish a single resource that ensures families have streamlined access and follow-up to the referrals and services their child needs.

### **Provider Outreach**

Offer training and resources to support providers in identifying needs and connecting families to services to support their child’s development.

### **Data Collection & Analysis**

Collect and analyze key data and family experiences to identify systemic gaps and make improvements to ensure children and families receive the services they need to thrive.





# Leadership Team



**Maddie Wegner**  
Help Me Grow Kansas State Lead  
*Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

Leads statewide strategy, operations, and organizational capacity for the Help Me Grow Kansas system.

Champions cross-sector collaboration and systems-level advocacy to strengthen the early childhood landscape and expand access for Kansas families and providers.



**Michelle Reichart**  
Statewide Engagement Supervisor  
*Kansas Children's Service League and 1-800-CHILDREN*

Leads centralized access point operations, providing statewide infrastructure for connecting families and professionals to resources.

Maintains a real-time resource directory to ensure accurate, coordinated service navigation.



**Ali Braun**  
Family Systems Consultant  
*Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

Drives family outreach, community engagement, and partnership development to advance awareness and access across Kansas.

Cultivates family leaders and centers family voice and feedback to inform responsive, family-centered system improvement.



**Dr. Deborah Alliston**  
Physician Champion  
*KU School of Medicine-Wichita*

Serves as a clinical champion for early detection and intervention, promoting best practices in screening, developmental surveillance, and linkage to services.

Builds physician engagement and provides training to strengthen referral pathways and expand the medical community's role in the HMG KS system.



**Rachel Gardner**  
KU-CPPR Help Me Grow Lead  
*KU Center for Public Partnerships and Research*

Guide implementation and coordination of Help Me Grow Kansas at KU-CPPR.

Oversee program partnership and project coordination.



## Data Analysis Co-Leads

**Zachary Ray**

*Kansas Department of Health and Environment*

**Nicole Stevens**

*KU Center for Public Partnerships and Research*

Support evaluation of data and analysis.

Help identify systemic gaps, and bolsters advocacy efforts to create systemic quality improvements for families and children.

# Collaboration With Help Me Grow National

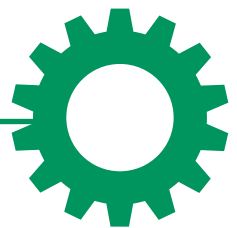
## **Help Me Grow National Advisory Board Member**

Help Me Grow Kansas served as a member of the 2025 Help Me Grow National Affiliate Advisory Board, contributing Kansas’s on-the-ground perspective to help shape national strategy and strengthen the Help Me Grow network across states.

## **Help Me Grow National 2025 Incubator Hub Grant Recipient**

Help Me Grow Kansas was selected to participate in the Continuous Systems Improvement branch of the Help Me Grow National Incubator Hub Initiative. This project opportunity and grant funding will support Kansas in advancing the medical home model, using the Targeted Universalism Framework to drive family-centered systems change.

# Family & Community Outreach

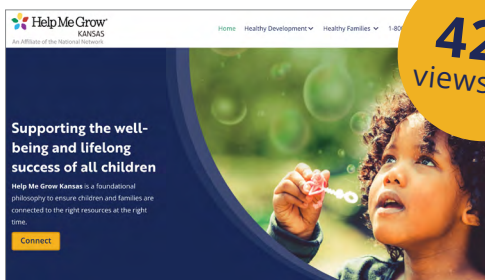


## **New Website for Help Me Grow Kansas**

The Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) website was revitalized in 2025 to become a true “one-stop shop” for families and caregivers to find information on developmental health. This transformation reflected years of listening to families, caregivers, and lived experience experts about what they need most:

- ★ Easy access to resources
- ★ Information
- ★ Education

The new family-facing platform launched in mid-2025 with a new domain: [helpmegrow.kdhe.ks.gov](http://helpmegrow.kdhe.ks.gov). The site averaged 421 views each month throughout the year.



## **2025 Family Leaders & The Kansas Family Leadership Training**

After the September 2024 Parent Leadership Conference, the Family Leadership Team redirected its focus. The team began developing the Kansas Family Leadership Training (KS FLT) after families expressed a strong desire for structured leadership and advocacy skill-building opportunities during Parent/Provider Fireside Chats.

In 2025, the Family Systems Consultant intentionally developed a Kansas-specific training based on state systems and family experiences. The Family Systems Consultant participated in the Iowa Family Leadership Training Institute (IFLTI) in February 2025. Three family leaders began their roles in August 2025 and reviewed and refined Kansas Family Leadership Training session materials, and plan to participate in IFLTI in February 2026. After that, they will closely collaborate with the HMG KS team to assume expanded leadership roles, transitioning from training development to broader system engagement and family leadership support.

## Meet Our Family Leaders



**Erin Kunkleman**  
Northeast Kansas

**“I’m a proud mother of four. Two of my children have special health care needs, which has given me personal experience with the challenges families face when navigating medical systems and finding the right resources. These experiences have fueled my passion for helping others feel supported and informed. I currently work as a special education teacher in Manhattan, Kansas, and I’m passionate about helping families access resources, build support networks, and know they are not alone.**

**“I am the Quality Director at a rural hospital in northwest KS, as well as an EMT, CPR and Safe Sleep Instructor, and a Master of Public Health student at KSU. Although I hold many roles, the title I cherish the most is Mom! I’m the proud momma of a 12-year-old Cerebral Palsy warrior named “Tuff.” His journey has shaped mine, turning me into a passionate advocate for children with special needs and families navigating life in rural communities. Raising a child with special needs in a rural setting isn’t always easy, but Tuff is a true country boy—and we wouldn’t have it any other way. I’m honored to be part of the village working to help Kansas families learn, grow, and thrive together.**



**Crystal Behanna**  
Northwest Kansas



**Jenny Johnston**  
South Central Kansas

**“I’m a Licensed Master level Social Worker passionate about helping families thrive. At home, I’m a wife and mom of three, and our days are filled with life on the farm with our cows, chickens, and dogs. When I’m not working or chasing kids and animals, you’ll find me chasing miles — running marathons for fun and balance.**



## Books, Balls, and Blocks

Books, Balls, and Blocks is a Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) initiative, with materials funded through the Preschool Development Grant Birth to Five (PDG B-5). HMG KS partners with child care programs and community groups to co-host Books, Balls, and Blocks events within their programs. These events are family engagement opportunities that introduce parents to developmental screening through the Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ®) in an interactive, welcoming environment.

During these events, children play at age-appropriate stations with books, balls, blocks, and other developmental toys while parents complete ASQ® screenings with trained staff support. Families receive take-home bags with books, puzzles, sensory toys, and developmental resources, while programs hosts keep the play station materials and receive ongoing training and technical assistance. The initiative experienced significant expansion this year, evolving from one event to a statewide initiative engaging multiple communities across Kansas.



**12** events

**10** counties

**260** ASQ® screenings completed

**445** families reached

Throughout 2025, HMG KS hosted 12 Books, Balls, and Blocks events across diverse settings, including child care centers, home-based providers, preschool programs, and family outreach events, such as the Parent Leadership Conference. The inaugural event took place in May at Jay’s Nest Child Care in Ashland, Kansas, serving 20 families. Subsequent events reached families in Anderson, Clark, Cloud, Johnson, Lyon, McPherson, Sedgwick, Shawnee, and Wabaunsee counties.

Feedback demonstrated the impact of the events. On average, **families strongly agreed** that after the event they are:

- ★ More aware of the importance and purpose of developmental screenings, such as ASQ®.
- ★ More aware of developmental resources available to them.
- ★ More aware of ways to support their child’s healthy development.

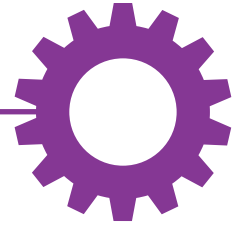
An informational flyer was created and distributed in July 2025, generating great community interest with over 30 inquiries from child care programs and local organizations. HMG KS developed a standardized onboarding process and collaborated with the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research to create evaluation tools, such as a parent survey and provider survey, and data collection forms.

To host a Books, Balls, and Blocks Developmental Screening event, scan the QR code to complete the interest form. Reach out to [madeline.wegner@ks.gov](mailto:madeline.wegner@ks.gov) for more information.



[arcg.is/ufK5z2](https://arcg.is/ufK5z2)

# Provider Outreach



## Education, Training, Awareness

Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) significantly expanded provider outreach through the establishment of a collaboratively funded Physician Champion position, supported in partnership with KSKidsMAP and hosted at KU School of Medicine – Wichita within the Department of Pediatrics.

Dr. Alliston served as the Physician Champion, dedicated to developing and delivering physician-facing training on developmental surveillance and the ASQ® for pediatric and primary care providers statewide.

Throughout the year, Dr. Alliston focused on building a strong foundation for sustainable provider engagement. Key accomplishments included conducting comprehensive research and resource collection, meeting with the previous Physician Champion to ensure knowledge transfer and developing a strategic training plan. She refined the vision and goals for the role, advocated and educated on best practices for screening and developmental health supports, and curated resources and materials for both families and healthcare providers. Dr. Alliston is expected to enroll in the ASQ Training of the Trainer Institute and launch provider-focused ASQ® trainings in 2026. These trainings will strengthen developmental screening practices across medical settings statewide.

*It has been a true privilege to serve as the physician champion with Help Me Grow KS this past year. I am deeply passionate about incorporating developmental screenings into well-child visits, having seen firsthand the profound impact early intervention can have on a child's developmental trajectory. Families play a central role in nurturing and guiding their children's growth. By equipping them with practical strategies and connecting them to therapists and community resources when needed, we can empower parents to confidently support their child's next developmental steps and ensure they receive the help they seek. If you have any questions or needs regarding child development, please feel free to reach out to Help Me Grow Kansas for resources.*



**Dr. Alliston, 2025 Physician Champion**



## Building Partnerships

Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) built partnerships across the state for fostering collaboration, sharing resources, and addressing common challenges. By connecting governments, businesses, nonprofits, and educational institutions, communities leverage their strengths to drive collective progress. Ultimately, strengthening these partnerships creates opportunities for innovation, streamlines the implementation of statewide initiatives, and improves service delivery by pooling expertise and funding to optimally serve all families and children across the state.



### ***Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)***

In 2025, HMG KS deepened its collaboration with KSDE to increase developmental screening opportunities for Kansas children and build out infrastructure to support screenings in diverse settings. A data-sharing agreement granted HMG KS Administrator access to all 32 Part C ASQ® Online Enterprise Hubs, allowing for expanded onboarding, training, and technical assistance to early childhood programs, public health departments, and medical providers statewide.



### ***Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities – Infant Toddler Specialist Network (KCCTO-ITSN)***

HMG KS partnered with KCCTO-ITSN in 2025 to deliver comprehensive support for child care providers implementing developmental screenings. Through this collaboration, participating providers received ASQ® training, screening kits, and ongoing technical assistance to support the Books, Balls, and Blocks events. This wraparound approach ensured providers had the tools and expertise needed to successfully conduct developmental screenings and connect families with resources.

### **1-800-CHILDREN**

1-800-CHILDREN serves as the Centralized Access Point (CAP) of HMG KS. In 2025, the CAP received 1,212 contacts, connecting families and individuals to communities, services, and screenings. In 2026, Help Me Grow Kansas will continue to build on services provided through 1-800-CHILDREN, including connection and referral, screenings, and closed-loop processes. See the [Centralized Access Point](#) section for more information on 1-800-CHILDREN's impact.

### **Child Care Zone Grantees**

HMG KS presented to Child Care Zones grantees on the Help Me Grow framework and its local application for building community capacity. Child Care Zones are PDG B-5 funded multi-county collaboratives addressing regional child care challenges across Kansas. The presentation generated strong interest in integrating the Help Me Grow framework. Books, Balls, and Blocks events serve as a strategy for sustaining developmental screening and family engagement beyond the grant period. Early partnerships are already taking shape, including a Books, Balls, and Blocks event with the McPherson Child Care Task Force in August.

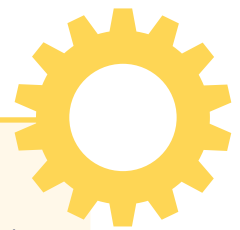


## Family Advisory Council – Early Childhood Workgroup

A new collaboration began in 2025 between the Family Advisory Council’s Early Childhood Work Group and HMG KS to provide guidance on a special project addressing critical gaps in developmental screening access. Through collaborative brainstorming sessions, the work group identified developmental screening availability in rural and frontier counties as their focus area, responding to significant unmet needs in these communities.

The project launched with efforts to map current screening providers across rural and frontier regions of Kansas. The work group’s goal is to identify gaps and underserved areas to inform advocacy efforts and direct strategic investment toward building sustainable developmental screening infrastructure where it’s needed most. This family-centered approach ensures that parent and caregiver voices shape systems-level solutions for Kansas’s most geographically isolated communities.

# Centralized Access Point



### Success Story

1-800-CHILDREN received a call from a mother who would like to schedule screenings for autism and ADHD for her son. The caller’s son was on a waitlist with two medical agencies, but the anticipated timeline would not leave her time to make decisions regarding his education options for the next school year. The 1-800-CHILDREN Family Resource Specialist shared several resources with the caller, including the local special education program, a family support program that helps advocate for children with special needs, and autism support programs. The caller expressed that she had been feeling overwhelmed and was grateful for the support.

**39,798**

distinct  
database  
visitors



**30,175**

resources  
distributed



**1,212**

contacts



**95%**

of requested  
needs met

Reported by individuals  
or families who contacted  
1-800-CHILDREN



**48**

vendor  
events  
attended



**33**

presentations  
made





## 1-800-CHILDREN Collaboration Spotlight

In 2025, 1-800-CHILDREN began a partnership with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) Family Advisory Council (FAC) Early Childhood Workgroup and Children with Special Health Care Needs Workgroup to collaborate regarding the terminology and formatting used with 1-800-CHILDREN to maximize families' ability to find the information and resources they are searching for. The FAC Workgroups continue to share recommendations for website searchability and resource inclusion.

1-800-CHILDREN participates in the Sedgwick County, Southeast Kansas, and Northwest Kansas IRIS networks. IRIS partners refer individuals to 1-800-CHILDREN for assistance in connecting to resources in their area. In addition, 1-800-CHILDREN Family Resource Specialists refer callers who reside within these networks to the local programs that can provide the support they need, including physical health, mental health, early childhood, parent education and support groups, and financial assistance.

1-800-CHILDREN staff collaborated with representatives from the Help Me Grow Leadership Team, the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research, and Findhelp to develop a new call log assessment within the 1800CHILDREN.org database. This assessment will allow for the collection and reporting of additional data elements that correspond with the Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) annual fidelity report.

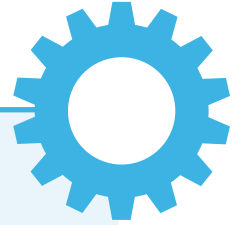
1-800-CHILDREN partnered with HMG KS to present at the All In For Kansas Kids Early Childhood Systems Building Webinar in April and the Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in October.

### ***Claim and Update your 1-800-CHILDREN Resource Listing***

[1800CHILDRENKS.org](https://1800CHILDRENKS.org) is a searchable database and mobile app with over 5,300 resources available to support to Kansas children and families. Community-based organizations are invited to join this network by creating a free account to claim and update their programs.

Claiming your program gives you ownership of your program listing and the ability to choose a workflow that best fits your programs' needs. By claiming your program, you will have access to update your program's information, review reporting and analytics tools, and more—all for free. To claim your program, visit [1800CHILDRENKS.org/claims](https://1800CHILDRENKS.org/claims). Access the [full guidance](#)<sup>11</sup> for organizations to claim and update their resource listings. Please contact [1800CHILDREN@kcs.org](mailto:1800CHILDREN@kcs.org) with questions.

# Data Collection & Analysis



## *Help Me Grow Kansas Reaches Full Implementation*

For the first time since Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) launched in 2018, the 2024 Help Me Grow Fidelity Assessment showed full implementation across all four core components indicating that the HMG KS model is operating at the level expected for a fully functional statewide system. After being fully implemented in two components in 2023, efforts focused on strengthening the Centralized Access Point and Child Health Provider Outreach. The results:

- ★ 1,618 contacts received by 1-800-CHILDREN
- ★ 236 families opted in to receive follow up support from 1-800-CHILDREN
- ★ Provider engagement increased from 2 reached to more than 500 reached
- ★ Outreach connected with over 10,000 parents and caregivers

This achievement reflects extensive coordination from KDHE, 1-800-CHILDREN, the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research, and partners across the state.



## 2025 Data Fidelity Report

The Help Me Grow National Fidelity Assessment is a measurement and assessment of our single state system, collecting and utilizing data to drive continuous quality improvement. Data is collected from a variety of sources to fully reflect the scope of the Early Childhood system in Kansas, including:

- ★ KDHE's internal data
- ★ 1-800-CHILDREN's internal systems and website analytics
- ★ DAISEY and IRIS
- ★ The ASQ® online system

The Fidelity Report also tracks provider and family outreach events, trainings, and presentations conducted by KDHE, 1-800-CHILDREN, and ASQ®-related trainings as part of family and provider engagement efforts. Data from the Fidelity Report is used to develop goals that strengthen various aspects of the early childhood system in Kansas, including screening, referral, and follow-up.

**KDHE  
Maternal Child  
Health programs**

**4,259  
children served**  
ages birth through 5 years

**16,994  
families served**

## Screenings

Screenings are critical in understanding individuals' and families' needs and the barriers they face, and can help determine next their next steps in receiving care. HMG KS tracks screenings across the early childhood system to understand the needs of children in Kansas.

The state of Kansas provides statewide access to ASQ® Online. This Statewide ASQ® Online System makes it easier for organizations to improve coordination and reach more families through developmental screenings.

- ★ **ASQ®-3**  
Ages & Stages Questionnaire®, Third Edition  
(birth through age 5)
- ★ **ASQ®:SE-2**  
Ages & Stages Questionnaire®: Social and Emotional,  
Second Edition (birth through age 5)

**2025 SCREENING STATS**

**Kansas ASQ® Online Enterprise**

<b>ASQ®-3</b> 65,589	12%
<b>ASQ®:SE-2</b> 53,971	9%

**MCH Aid-to-Local Grantees in 2025**

<b>ASQ®-3</b> 574	<b>ASQ®:SE-2</b> 97
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**KDHE MCH programs**

4,450 additional screenings 46%

*Includes providers from Teen Pregnancy Targeted Case Management, Pregnancy Maintenance Initiative, and Home Visiting*

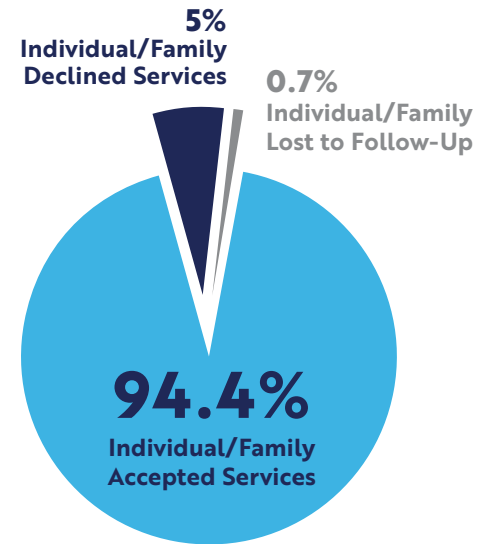
### Screenings Rates within KDHE's Maternal and Child Health Programs

Screening	Number Screened
Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS)	2,543
Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)	851
Patient Health Questionnaire, Adolescent Version (PHQ-A)	133
Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7)	122
Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)	62
Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Family/Friends, Trouble + Nicotine (CRAFFT+N)	0
Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)	5
Drug Abuse Screening Test (DAST)	70
Other	654
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,450</b>

## Referrals

Referrals are critical for individuals and families to receive additional services that meet their needs and help them achieve overall wellness. Tracking referral outcomes, or “closing the loop”, can be accomplished by tracking through a referral system or following up with families or providers and is an important part of the Help Me Grow framework ensuring that families are receiving the care they want and need.

In 2025, KDHE MCH programs closed the loop with over 99% of individuals and families. 94.4% of families accepted services and 5% declined services, but less than 0.7% were lost to follow-up. Individuals and families were referred to programs including Women, Infants and Children (WIC), reproductive health and family planning services, and prenatal and postpartum care or education.



## The All In For Kansas Kids Dashboard

Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) is featured on the All In For Kansas Kids Progress Dashboard. The dashboard includes HMG KS data, demonstrating our contribution to the All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan:

- ★ [HMG KS Kansas is helping to improve system navigation<sup>1</sup>](#) by raising awareness and increasing calls to 1-800-CHILDREN
- ★ [Updates to the HMG KS website<sup>2</sup> can help families make informed decisions<sup>3</sup>](#) about their child’s health
- ★ KDHE’s MCH program’s success in [closing the loop on referrals<sup>4</sup>](#)
- ★ Ways in which KSDE is [increasing routine developmental screening<sup>5</sup>](#) through partnerships and trainings
- ★ Our participation in [leveraging family voice and leadership<sup>6</sup>](#)
- ★ [Engaging families in their children’s developmental health<sup>7</sup>](#) through Books, Balls, and Blocks events

HMG KS will continue to provide data and stories to the All In For Kansas Kids Strategic Plan Progress Dashboard, which will be updated quarterly. If you have questions, bright spots, or ideas to contribute, please [submit your feedback](#).<sup>8</sup>

## ***The Incubator Hub Initiative: Continuous Systems Improvement Branch***

Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS) was selected to participate in the Help Me Grow National Incubator Hub as part of the Continuous System Improvement Branch focusing on Targeted Universalism. Our objective for the project is to work towards the goal of ensuring that every child age birth through 17 in Kansas has a pediatric medical home.

A pediatric medical home is defined as a coordinated system of care, with a central team of providers, creating continuity in care as well as fostering trust between families and their providers. Continuity of care consists of streamlining linkages to holistic services provision including developmental screening and the basic needs supports that act as the foundation for early childhood wellness. But as of 2023, only 75% of children had a primary care provider, and only 53% had a medical home.<sup>9</sup>



*Family engagement sessions coming in 2026!*

In 2026, HMG KS will be conducting family co-design sessions to explore how factors including child age, insurance status, and rurality impact families' access to medical homes and inform community-level interventions to address gaps and connect families to these crucial providers. Incentives will be provided to participating families.

If you or the families or communities you work with could provide valuable insight, please reach out via the [Help Me Grow Kansas website](#).<sup>10</sup>

## **Summary**

2025 was a milestone year for Help Me Grow Kansas (HMG KS). For the first time since launching in 2018, we achieved **full implementation** of the Help Me Grow model across all four core components. This achievement reflects the dedication of our partners, the strength of our systems, and the guidance of the families we serve. The impact is tangible. **Over 1,200 families reached out to 1-800-CHILDREN** for support, and **nearly 40,000 people accessed the resource database** to find help in their communities. We hosted Books, Balls, and Blocks events that **brought together 445 families**, and built new partnerships that are creating sustainable screening infrastructure across the state.

What matters most is that families are at the center of everything we do. We saw this commitment come to life. Families shared their lived experiences to shape our work. Communities came together for Books, Balls, and Blocks events. Providers learned how to best support the families they serve. This is what guides us forward, and in 2026 we'll explore new ways to amplify family voices further.

The establishment of the Office of Early Childhood this summer is just one example of the systems-level change happening across our state, making it easier for families to get the support they need. Help Me Grow Kansas will continue doing our part by expanding our reach, strengthening provider capacity, and deepening our community connections. With our partners across the state, we're creating a future where every Kansas family has what they need to thrive.

*Madeline Wegner, Help Me Grow Kansas State Lead*

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