



Children's Programs Supported by The Ohio Department of Health

The Ohio Department of Health will continue its dedication to helping Ohioans at their most critical stages of life. ODH programs that support intervention and better health at the beginning of life will help residents in the immediate future as well as over their lifetime.

Children with Medical Handicaps and Targeted Health Care Services Over 21

The mission of the Children with Medical Handicaps program is to assure, through the development of high quality, coordinated systems for children with special health care needs. The Children with Medical Handicaps program promotes early identification of children with handicapping conditions and treatment of those children by appropriate health care providers.

Children with Medical Handicaps Program Overview:

- *Funding services for the diagnosis and treatment of medically eligible conditions.*
- *Conducting quality assurance activities to establish standards of care and to determine unmet needs of children with handicaps and their families.*
- *Promoting and supporting the concept of a medical home for all children with special health care needs.*
- *Collaborating with public health nurses and local health departments to assist in increasing access to care.*
- *Assisting families to access and utilize appropriate sources of payment for services for their children.*

Children with Medical Handicaps serves as a public health safety net program as it provides:

- Services to over 40,000 Ohio children with special health care needs via its multiple programs;
- Treatment services to approximately 30,000 children;
- Diagnostic services for more than 5,000 children;
- Hospital-based service coordination for approximately 2,000 children;
- Services for over 300 adults with cystic fibrosis;
- Insurance premiums for 30 adults with hemophilia.

Children with Medical Handicaps and Target Services will receive continuation funding in SFY14-15

Medically Handicapped Children \$7,512,451

Targeted Health Care Services Over 21 \$1,045,414



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- Funds for eight Regional Comprehensive Genetic Centers that provide clinical services, education and outreach to approximately 70,000 individuals;
- Metabolic formula to approximately 400 individuals with PKU, homocystinuria and other inborn errors of metabolism;
- Funds for six Regional Sickle Cell Services Projects and one Statewide Family Support Initiative that provide newborn screening follow-up, hemoglobin counseling, education and outreach to more than 12,000 individuals;
- System for reporting of children with birth defects, linking those children to public health programs; and
- Education for the public about birth defects to improve birth outcomes.

Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow (HMG), as part of Ohio's prenatal to age three early childhood system of supports, is designed to assure that children in Ohio are born healthy and have the best possible start in life and their families have the knowledge, support and confidence to promote their children's health and development.

Help Me Grow will receive continuation funding in SFY14-15 at \$33,673,987



The services offered by Help Me Grow equip parents and pregnant women with resources to help their child with the early building blocks for lifelong success.

Help Me Grow: Early Intervention

HMG Early Intervention fulfills the federal Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for Infants and Toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays. The purpose is to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities, minimize the future need for special education and related services, maximize potential for future independence for individuals with disabilities, enhance families' capacity to support development of their children and enhance states' ability to coordinate funding to provide services for infants and toddlers with disabilities.

More Ohio children are graduating Early Intervention before age three now than ever before which means they are finishing the program developmentally on target. For children transitioning to special education at age three, 99.3% are happening on time and as required in the federal law. Ohio continues to make progress toward every child in Early Intervention receiving required evaluation, assessment, and Family Plan development within first 45 days of program referral.

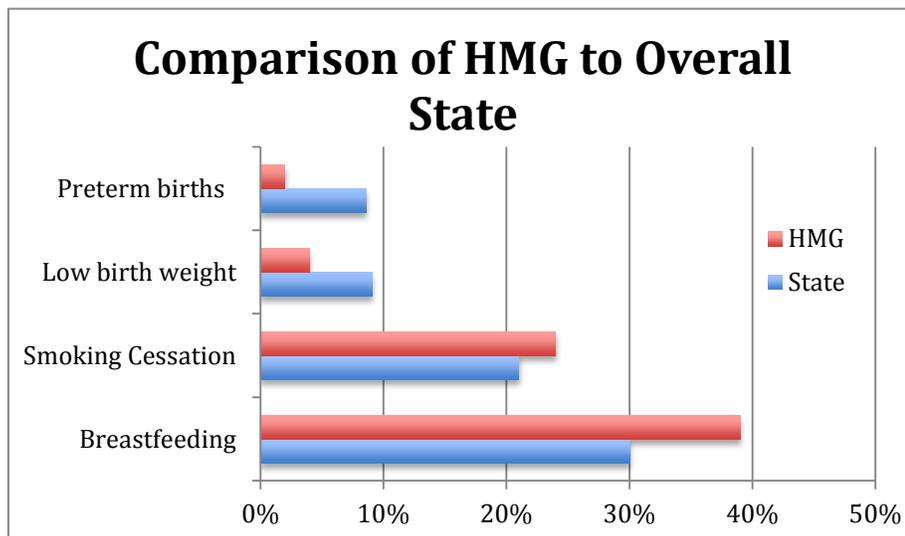


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Help Me Grow: Home Visiting

Help Me Grow Home Visiting provides information and resources for pregnant women and new parents so they can support their child through the explosive period of development from birth to age three.

There are four key areas in which Help Me Grow Home Visiting participants fair better than the state as a whole:



Help Me Grow Home Visiting has made an impact across Ohio:

- Converted Help Me Grow policies to rules using a very stakeholder-intensive process
- Began to directly contract with Help Me Grow Home Visiting providers in the Fall of 2012 which included paying providers based off of services rendered. Previously, ODH paid Family & Children First Councils using a subsidy agreement. With the old mechanism, payments had no relationship to the amount of service provided.
- For the pregnant women enrolled into the HMG Home Visiting program during their 1st trimester: Only 3.8% had low birth weight babies as compared to statewide where 9% of babies born have a low birth weight.
- 42.5% of mothers who began HMG Home Visiting services prenatally breastfed their babies as compared to 30% of new mothers statewide.
- 23.7% of new mothers in HMG Home Visiting who didn't initially intend to breastfeed before birth reported using at least some breast milk after birth.

