

**Performance Measure 3:** Increase the capacity of the State to assess social/emotional health needs of MCH populations and to promote early identification, prevention and intervention services.

**Plan for the Coming Year**

A. Conduct focus groups with the state's new 168 mental health consultants to find out the extent to which children birth to age 8 are being referred for further evaluation of their social emotional health needs. Additionally, this data will be compared to what we would expect the referral rates to be based on the programs using a screening tool. (Intervention)

B. Examine data being collected within Ohio's Help Me Grow program and NASHP pilot study for the past 12 months on the prevalence of (a) physicians and (b) Help Me Grow home visitors using social-emotional screening tools. (Identification)

C. Calculate the number of individuals who have been trained throughout the state on the Ages and Stages: Social Emotional screening tool who are (a) physicians, (b) clinicians other than MDs, (c) child care providers, (d) Help Me Grow staff, and (e) pre-school teachers. (Prevention)