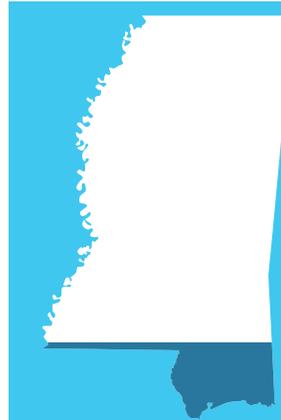




EARLY IDENTIFICATION MATTERS



1 in 4 children aged 0–5 are at risk for delays



Only **18%** of children receive timely developmental screenings

Autism

EFFECTS
1 IN 68 CHILDREN
AND
1 IN 42 BOYS

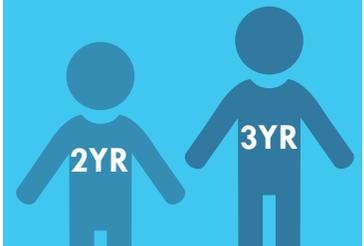
Is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.



Boys are nearly five times more likely than girls to have autism.



Autism tend to emerge between



ABUSE, NEGLECT, POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS: all contribute to a child's risk of developmental delays **29%** of Mississippi's children are living in poverty

Mississippi's Children **deserve to succeed**

THE FORMULA FOR SUCCESS



Timely Screening

THREE SCREENINGS BEFORE THIRD BIRTHDAY



Early Intervention

INFORMATION, LINKAGE, REFERRAL AND SUPPORT



Successful Outcomes

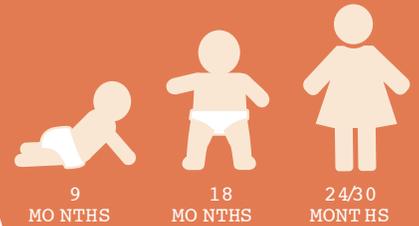
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Help Me Grow Supports Success for **All Children** by:

Helping families and professionals
navigate resources
and referrals through a
centralized
system



Ensuring ALL children
with developmental delays are
identified
and **linked**
to appropriate
resources

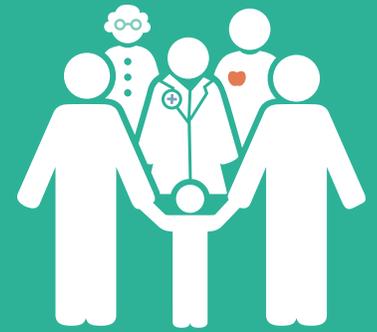


**HELP ME GROW
UNITES A COMMUNITY
AROUND ITS
CHILDREN**

Collecting and
evaluating data
to improve systems that support
young children and their families



Providing **outreach**
and **education**
about available
community resources



Mississippi must invest in a **Help Me Grow** system to ensure
all children reach their greatest potential.

 **Help Me Grow**
Mississippi

**Together, we can create a future of better
outcomes for at-risk children**

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