## Maine's Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Monthly Learning Series



Mission: Improve the health and quality of life for children with special health care needs and their families.

## Help Me Grow November 5, 2024, 3:30-4:30pm Please Register <u>Here</u>

Join us for an insightful webinar on Help Me Grow Maine. This webinar provides a basic overview, particularly as it relates to children with special needs. This will include an overview of referral and follow-up processes, eligibility, and what families and providers can expect when partnering with Help Me Grow Maine. Melinda will also share data about Help Me Grow Maine's work thus far around the state, and how that data is being used to plan and implement additional supports.

At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- 1. Be able to describe the Help Me Grow model as it functions in Maine.
- 2. Be able to explain the concrete ways that Help Me Grow Maine supports families in meeting their young children's developmental, behavioral, and other basic needs.
- 3. Understand data gathered by Help Me Grow Maine and how that data supports programming around the state.







Melinda Corey is Help Me Grow Maine's Outreach Specialist. She is responsible for making connections with community partners, building a network of resources, and general community education on the importance of promoting developmental surveillance, screening, and the Help Me Grow model in Maine. Melinda is a certified early childhood special education teacher and educational consultant, as well an Ages and Stages Questionnaire<sup>™</sup> trainer. She provides training support for several other

organizations, including Maine Roads to Quality and Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine. Additionally, Melinda has lived experience as a therapeutic foster parent. She resides in Albion with her husband, son, and two feisty cats, and enjoys camping in their vintage pop-up and reading in her free time.

The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Health Care Coordinator provides a unique resource for families, providers, and communities. The goal is to assist families and providers in finding services that will help the child or youth acquire optimal health, development, well-being, and the best quality of life.

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