

PARENTS' RIGHTS IN HELP ME GROW

When your child, who is age birth to three, receives services from the Help Me Grow program, you receive certain rights.

Your rights include:

- ❖ The right to accept or decline services from the Help Me Grow program
- ❖ The right to accept some Help Me Grow services and decline others
- ❖ The right to be informed of your rights
- ❖ The right to provide informed written consent before any evaluation or services begin
- ❖ The right to provide informed written consent before any information about your child or family is shared between service providers
- ❖ All information about you and your records are kept private and confidential
- ❖ The right to review and make changes to records about your child and family at any time
- ❖ The right to request, be present for and take part in meetings about your child and family
- ❖ The right to make a formal complaint about services for your child
- ❖ The right to know to whom to make a written complaint and then get an answer to that complaint within 30 days

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RIGHTS OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DELAY OR DISABILITY

Parents of children with a developmental delay or disability have special rights stated in the federal law called the Individualized with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). If your child has a delay or disability, your rights include:

The right to the following services at no cost to you:

- ❖ Developmental Evaluation to determine eligibility
- ❖ Assessment of the strengths and needs of your family
- ❖ Service Coordination
- ❖ Help with writing and updating the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- ❖ Help with transition planning before your child turns three
- ❖ The right to have an advocate, friend, interpreter or lawyer present at any or all contacts with service providers
- ❖ The right to receive written notice before there is a change in services. The written notice should include what and why the change is being proposed or denied.

