

Parent/Guardian Consent for Help Me Grow San Francisco Services

Child's Name:		Date of Birth:	
Parent/Guardian Name:		Primary Language:	
Name of Child Care Facility:		Ethnicity:	

Help Me Grow San Francisco Services

Help Me Grow San Francisco (HMG SF), a First 5 San Francisco-funded initiative, led by Support for Families, is partnering with your child's program to provide support and services around your child's education and development. Our focus is to strengthen staff knowledge and skills around creating rich learning environments and experiences for all children, including children with special needs or those at risk for developmental delays.

The Help Me Grow SF team consists of:

- Developmental Inclusion Specialist
- Occupational Therapy Consultant
- Family Engagement Manager
- Speech and Language Consultant
- Developmental Screening Manager
- Care Coordinator (s)

The Help Me Grow SF team members are committed to protecting children from abuse and neglect and are mandated reporters (California Code 11165-111174).

INCLUSION COACHING

As a partner site of HMG, your child's school will have access to inclusion coaching. Inclusion coaches provide training, technical assistance and coaching to early care and education providers. Coaches work with staff to strengthen internal systems and implement inclusive practices that foster the inclusion of children with special needs or disabilities, and their families. The goal of inclusion coaching is to support programs in developing or strengthening systems that foster the successful inclusion of all children, including young children with disabilities or special health care needs and their families. Coaches will also work with teaching and administrative staff to individualize their curriculum, environment, and/or teaching strategies to meet the needs of all children. An individualized plan is developed for each program. Plans may include:



- Classroom observations of teachers and children
- Reflective meetings with the teaching staff and administration
- Strategies for individualizing the curriculum for children with disabilities and special health care needs
- Toolkits designed for specific program needs
- Support to enhanced Developmental Screenings & Family Engagement (ASQ-3/ ASQ-SE)
- Access to and coordination with Help Me Grow Care Coordinators
- Assistance in developing systems and protocols related to the inclusion of children with disabilities or special health care needs
- Development of Child Support Plan when applicable (see description on following page)

I have read and understand the services provided.

Please initial here: []

Data Collection

Help Me Grow San Francisco is collecting developmental screening data, from validated screening tools (e.g. ASQ or M-CHAT) for children aged birth to 5 years. The screening data will help answer questions about:

1. The number of children receiving developmental screenings in San Francisco
2. Resources and programs in the community being used effectively in response to the needs of children identified through developmental screenings

Your personal information is protected by strict, up-to-date security technology and kept private. Information that identifies you or your child personally (name, birth date, address) is never put in reports or public documents and is seen only in limited circumstances by a few, select staff of: this site, city funders, Help Me Grow San Francisco staff, and contractors hired by the city to protect, store and analyze data. Our policy is not to share information with criminal justice, family courts, INS, IRS, DMV, private corporations or marketing firms, or collection and credit agencies unless legally mandated to do so.

I have read and agree to and participate in data collection for my child.

Please initial here: []

Date:

Consent to Obtain/Disclose Confidential Information and to Photograph/Videotape

In order for us to assist the teachers, your written consent is needed. Please indicate below if you give permission to Help Me Grow San Francisco, a program of Support for Families to:

Initial and check Consent or Decline to:

[] **Consent** **Decline:**

Receive and share information about your child between **Little Footprints Preschool teachers and staff** (name of center) and Help Me Grow San Francisco.

[] **Consent** **Decline:**

Photograph and videotape of your child to be used with and by Help Me Grow San Francisco for virtual coaching consultations as coaches are unable to enter ECE sites due to COVID-19 safety protocols. Platforms that may be used for consultation include Zoom, Skype, FaceTime, and other virtual video conferencing platforms.

[] **Consent** **Decline:**

Photograph and videotape your child to be used by Support for Families of Children with Disabilities for their public trainings.

This permission is valid for one year from the date of my signature. I may rescind this permission at any time by writing a note to my child’s program’s administrator.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Be Our Partner In Developing A Child Support Plan

Every child responds differently to typical classroom teaching strategies, routines and the classroom environment. If you would like to see an increase in your child's participation in their program, we will partner with you and your child's teachers to develop an individualized support plan. A support plan will remain confidential between your family, providers and Help Me Grow SF team. The use of a child support plan does not suggest that a child has a disability or diagnosis, and is appropriate for any child who would benefit from additional or modified approaches both at school and in their home environments.

When the need for a Child Support Plan is identified, Parent/Guardian will Sign and Date below:

I have read and agree to and participate in the development of my child’s Child Support Plan.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____