



Background

Launched in 2008, Watch Me Grow (WGM) is NH's developmental screening, information, and referral system for families of young children (birth through age 5). Watch Me Grow Partner organizations provide developmental screening activities to families free of charge, at places such as local family resource centers or early childhood programs all around the state. Children may also receive a developmental screening with their primary care provider during well child checkups.

Description

The purpose of this project was to create modules to support health care and early childhood professionals to effectively provide developmental screening to all children in NH. The goal was to develop PowerPoint modules to provide a consistent online source of information to professionals throughout the state. The project included reviewing the watchmegrownh.com webpage and documents describing the components of the WGM system. The next step was to coordinate with LEND leadership supervisors, Jennifer Doris and Erika Downie, to determine the topic, create slides, develop a script, record, and integrate the audio.



Watch Me Grow
Developmental Screening: Ensuring Your Child's Brightest Future

Components

- Infrastructure
- Messaging and outreach
- Surveillance and monitoring
- Referrals
- Interagency coordination
- Training & TA
- Quality assurance
- Data collection



Infrastructure / Funding



STATE-LEVEL STEERING COMMITTEE



STATE COORDINATOR



LOCAL COMMUNITY



WGM STAKEHOLDER

Become A Watch Me Grow Partner

- Visit www.watchmegrownh.org
- Go to the Contact and Resources page
- Contact Bureau of Family Centered Services at 603-271-4488 or BFCS@dhhs.nh.gov



Summary

One module was completed, "Watch Me Grow System Webinar." This module explains the WGM system to current partners as well as those professionals who may be interested in becoming WGM partners. The PPT provides an overview of the 8 components that comprise the WGM system and expresses the goal of WGM: to offer developmental screening and referral to all children from birth to 5. The PPT will be added to the WGM website to be available for professionals to view.

Next Steps

Topics have been selected and prioritized to create a list to determine the next module. Some of these PowerPoints, such as "An Introduction to Watch Me Grow for Families," are in the developing and scripting stages. The next steps will be to complete editing, scripting, and recording these PowerPoints. The finished PowerPoints will be added to the Watch Me Grow website along with the "Watch Me Grow System Webinar." These modules will utilize online resources to disseminate consistent information to professionals and families throughout the state in order to make free screening available to all children aged birth through five.