

# Universal Developmental Screening Partnership E-Update

## A unified initiative with Help Me Grow Washington

Vision: *Universal developmental screening and linkages to appropriate services will be available for all young children in Washington State*

## UDS = Help Me Grow Washington Partnership

For the past four years, [Help Me Grow Washington](#) has been building and enhancing the core components of the national [Help Me Grow](#) model and connections to strong wrap around supports through Within Reach and community partners. Like the UDS partnership, the goal has been to strengthen important system partnerships to ensure that families can access developmental screening and secure appropriate services that help children to grow, develop and learn. The UDS Partnership wants to increase community participation in the statewide systems building effort. We also want to clarify our messages about screening and connection to responsive services and supports. Merging these two efforts will streamline resources and build

momentum towards our common goal of reaching all children with screening and support.

A new Help Me Grow Washington Partnership will integrate the work of each of these efforts. The Department of Health will continue to provide key coordination of the Partnership. WithinReach will continue to serve as the state Help Me Grow affiliate and central access point. The recently established, UDS Focus & Momentum Team will set strategic direction through a Common Agenda. This team will be accountable for the overall work of the initiative. Existing UDS action teams will channel the energy and action of partners.

You will start seeing this heading used on most of the public communications:



A brief overview about universal developmental screening is now available to help all of our partners make the case for developmental screening and responsive services and cultivate more champions to the cause.

We emailed the overview to all our partners last month. If you would like it again, please contact:

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## Time for Action – Join a Team!

Action Teams have formed and are looking for additional partners to help move the work forward. There are four Action Teams, each with a specific area of focus: Reaching all Children and Families, Providing Responsive Supports, Strengthening Systems, Policy, Practice and Funding. All teams have teleconferencing options. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact the appropriate individual below:

- Reaching all Children and Families: *Roxanne Garzon* [roxanne.garzon@del.wa.gov](mailto:roxanne.garzon@del.wa.gov)
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### Great MINDS Training

Great MINDS\* Standardized Developmental Screening Training for medical providers  
Revised 1/7/15

January 13, 2015 -  
Snohomish County

January 21, 2015 – Spokane  
County

January 28, 2015 – Two  
trainings in Adams County

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*\*Medical Home Includes  
Developmental Screening*

## Screening Campaign in Spokane

Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) developed a multi-media plan with their Public Information Officer to promote UDS. The health district received a small grant from Providence HealthCare to launch the campaign, [ASK Now, Babies and Kids Can't Wait](#) in October 2014. The campaign includes a UDS-specific web page and Facebook page through SRHD, printed materials, targeted mailings to new parents, advertising in Spokane busses, and a public service announcement.

Heather Wallace, Public Health Educator and Colleen O'Brien, Program Manager, worked with Stephanie Oricco at WithinReach/Parenthelp123, to create a link that will send parents to the Parenthelp123 Help Me Grow WA screening page. Parents with concerns about their child's development can visit the Parenthelp123 website to learn about child development and complete a screening using the ASQ 3 (Ages and Stages Questionnaire). Parenthelp123 will support parents seeking a screening and will work with SRHD on follow-up and referrals. The team is also meeting with their pediatric physician champion to increase the number of providers doing UDS.

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## SEAS Navigator

[Whatcom Taking Action](#) and members of the Whatcom Health Department have dreamed of creating a central intake, referral, and resource system for children, youth, families and providers. They are happy to announce that dream has come true. The [SEAS \(Single Entry Access to Services\)](#) system was established to guide families and providers about who to call, or where to refer a child or youth who has (or may have) special needs. The SEAS Navigator helps families connect with resources, specialized care, and support for children and youth from birth to 21 years old. The database is still in development but when complete, it will allow anyone to call SEAS for help connecting to services and information. The group is also working on building a local team of mid-level medical-diagnostic professionals.

This interdisciplinary team will work to evaluate and refine intake and assessment tools. They will also continue to bring in cross-sector partners to integrate current systems.

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## Medicaid Coverage for Primary Care Providers

Be prepared this legislative session for some exciting discussions around UDS. Senator Frockt and Representative Riccelli are sponsoring companion Senate/House bills stating that the Health Care Authority shall require universal developmental screening and provider payment for autism and developmental delays as recommended by the Bright Futures guidelines (subject to the availability of funds). The bill has a roughly \$4.6m fiscal impact for the biennium. The WA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics advocates that the research around the benefits of early identification and treatment of developmental delays is clear. To get a copy of the WCAAP briefing sheet or for more information, contact: *Laurie Lippold* [lippold@wcaap.org](mailto:lippold@wcaap.org)

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