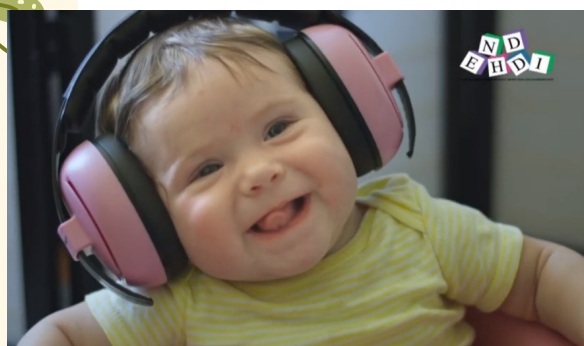




Quarterly Newsletter SUMMER 2021

North Dakota Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

Thank You Midco for our New EHDI video!



The ND EHDI team would like to thank Midco for the public service announcement opportunity to promote awareness about the importance of early hearing detection and intervention! You can view the video on our ND EHDI Facebook page or on our new ND EHDI Website (<https://ndcpd.org/ndehdi/>).



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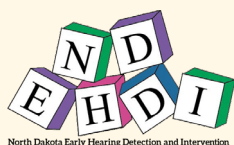
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Virtual Speaker Series

Submitted by: North Dakota Hands & Voices

In lieu of in-person trainings, North Dakota Hands & Voices opted to host a three-part virtual speaker series using ZOOM. These informative sessions have been free to those interested in North Dakota and our surrounding states. We kicked off this series on April 17th with a presentation from Karen Putz speaking on "Parenting with Passion."

Karen is the mother of three Deaf children who are now young adults. She was born with normal hearing but developed hearing loss herself. She serves on the board for Hands & Voices and is the Co-Director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Infusion with Hands & Voices.



Janet DesGeorge

Second, Paula Pittman spoke about "Raising the Language Bar: Access, Frequency, and Complexity" on June 12th. Paula is the director of the SKI-HI and Deaf Mentor Outreach and Training Programs at the SKI-HI Institute at Utah State University. Paula has served as a National Trainer for the SKI-HI Institute since 1992. She was a co-creator of the Deaf Mentor Program and was involved in the development of the SKI-HI and Deaf Mentor Curriculum Manuals.

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SAVE THE DATE for our final session with Janet DesGeorge, the Co-founder and Executive Director of Hands & Voices. Janet will be presenting on August 14th from 10 AM to 12 noon Central. The title of her presentation will be "Ages and Stages of Parenting." Please email ndhandsandvoices@gmail.com to register for this event!

*What Works for Your Child is
What Makes the Choice Right.*



From the Desk of Family Voices of North Dakota

Submitted by: Donene Feist, Family Voices of North Dakota Executive Director

Welcome sunshine, lakes, swimming, and warm days. We hope this finds you all doing well and adjusting to a new normal. Family Voices of North Dakota has discontinued the Extended Learning Calls over the summer months but will begin again in August/September.

As a reminder about our Extended Learning Calls, we host these calls on weeknights at 8 pm CT.

They are held in the evening to assure families can attend. These calls are for families and providers to learn about new programs and expand their skills.

If any provider would like to be a guest speaker, to get information out to a larger group, let us know. The Extended Learning Calls will be recorded and

posted on our website at www.fvnd.org

We announce these workshops via our Family Voices of North Dakota listserv, and our e-newsletter which is distributed weekly on Mondays. If you are a family member or provider and would like to receive our e-newsletter and listserv, you can be added to this

list to receive this information by emailing donene@fvnd.org; or you can call the Family Voices of ND office at 888-522-9654.

Through the EHDI project, there will be 8 calls for the upcoming season. If you would like information on these calls, do let us know at the address above. Additionally, we will be planning online virtual Care Coordination Training and our Care Giver Café training which helps families plan for transition.

These will be announced through our listserv and also on our Family Voices of ND Facebook page.

Head on over and give us a like: <https://www.facebook.com/FVND1>

In other great news, our staff is again planning

"Trunk or Treat" in Grand Forks, Fargo, and Bismarck.

Last year we had postponed this due to the pandemic. If the numbers remain low we will again host these events, dates will be announced soon.

This fall, we are also planning to host the Parent Leadership Institute and would love to have you. If interested please let Donene Feist know at donene@fvnd.org and will send you the application to apply.

If you are a family member and need additional support, do call us at Family Voices of North Dakota. We are here to help. Family Support is a vital component as families adjust to a new diagnosis and changing times. Supporting families and connecting them to family organizations assures that families get resources and services in ways that are respectful, relevant, and honor their unique choices and perspectives so that they can make informed decisions to achieve the best possible outcomes for their children and youth. It takes us all. Hoping you all have a great summer.

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"Until you have a kid with special needs you have no idea of the depth of your strength, tenacity, and resourcefulness."

~ Anonymous



Mason and Ethan Fall Out of Top 10

Olivia and Liam are once again America's most popular baby names in 2020. It appears parents chose to stick with the familiar during an unprecedented time, with the top three names for both girls - Olivia, Emma, and Ava - and boys - Liam, Noah, and Oliver - remaining the same for the second year in a row. In fact, out of both Top 10 lists combined, only two names changed, with the traditional names Henry and Alexander edging out Mason and Ethan. The name Henry has been steadily rising in popularity, last appearing in the Top 10 over a century ago, in 1910.

BOYS NAMES

- 1) Liam
- 2) Noah
- 3) Oliver
- 4) Elijah
- 5) William
- 6) James
- 7) Benjamin
- 8) Lucas
- 9) Henry
- 10) Alexander

GIRLS NAMES

- 1) Olivia
- 2) Emma
- 3) Ava
- 4) Charlotte
- 5) Sophia
- 6) Amelia
- 7) Isabella
- 8) Mia
- 9) Evelyn
- 10) Harper

For all of the top baby names of 2020, and to see where your name ranks, go to Social Security's website, www.socialsecurity.gov.

A great tool for caregivers regarding their Baby's hearing screening timeline.

By 1 month old:

- ☐ Make sure that your baby's hearing is screened either before you leave the hospital or immediately afterward. After the screening, find out the results. If your newborn was not screened in the hospital, schedule a screening to occur by the time your baby is 1 month old.



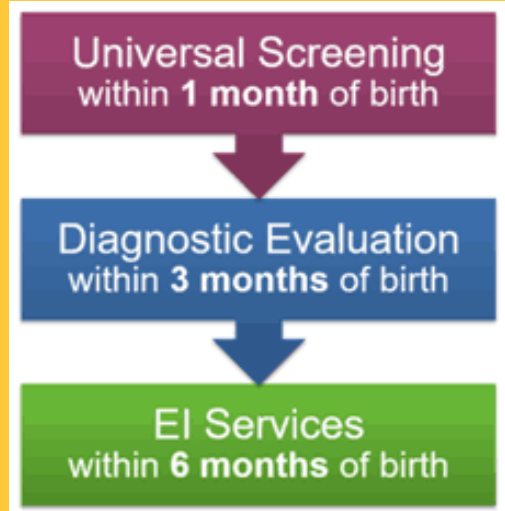
By 3 months old:

- ☐ If your baby did not pass the hearing screening, immediately schedule a follow-up appointment with a pediatric audiologist. Ask your doctor or hospital for a list of pediatric audiologists, or use the directories provided by the American Academy of Audiology and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- ☐ If you must cancel the follow-up appointment, reschedule it! Make sure you take your baby to a follow-up examination by age 3 months.

By 6 months old:

- ☐ If the follow-up exam shows that your baby has hearing loss, start your baby in some form of intervention as soon as possible, and no later than 6 months old. Intervention can include hearing devices, such as hearing aids or cochlear implants; communication methods, including oral approaches (such as lipreading) or manual approaches (such as ASL); or a combination of options, including assistive devices. Ask your health care team about the options.

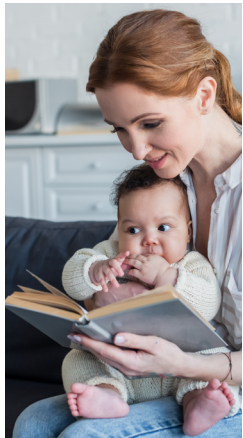
EHDI 1-3-6 Goals



For more information visit <https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/your-babys-hearing-screening>

If it scares you, it might be a good thing to try. ~ Seth Godin

What is EHDI?



Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs enable states, territories, families, and providers to develop complete and coordinated systems of care. The program aims to ensure that newborns, infants, and young children who are deaf or hard of hearing are identified and get the care they need when they need it. Early involvement can help these children meet age-appropriate language, social, and developmental milestones.

Across the United States and its territories, HRSA support efforts to:

- Develop early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI) systems
- Recruit, educate, and train staff and health care providers with current knowledge, evidence-based practices, and national EHDI system goals
- Ensure families have access to information that is accurate, comprehensive, up-to-date, and evidence-based to allow families to make important decisions for their children in a timely manner, including decisions with respect to the full range of assistive hearing technologies and communication modalities
- Establish and foster family-to-family and deaf and hard of hearing consumer-to-family supports that are important after a child has been identified as deaf or hard of hearing

GOALS

HRSA supports the development of state and territory programs and systems of care that identify children who are deaf or hard of hearing through newborn, infant, and young child hearing screening and deliver diagnosis and appropriate early intervention to optimize language, literacy, cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Ensure that children who are deaf or hard of hearing can access services and a family-centered medical home in their communities; that they get early and continuous screening; and that families, parents, and caretakers are engaged as active partners in the care of their children.

Supporting the EHDI System

HRSA has a coordinated portfolio of programs to support the EHDI system. These programs support state and territory health departments, academic institutions, non-profit organizations, providers, and family-based organizations to develop a system of services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. We support the EHDI system with technical assistance,

fostering family engagement, and deaf and hard of hearing adult involvement, workforce development and training, and working with pediatricians and health care providers.

We support the following initiatives:

EHDI Program

EHDI National Technical Resource Center

Family Leadership in Language and Learning Center

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) - Pediatric Audiology Trainees

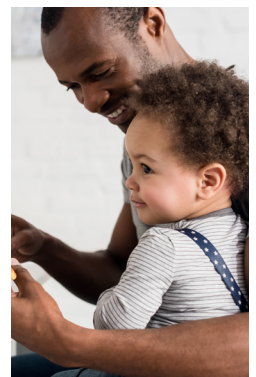
ACHIEVEMENTS

Before 1993, fewer than 1 in 10 newborns in the U.S. were screened for hearing loss, but now nearly all are screened. Since HRSA's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program started, states and territories have had significant success identifying and getting services for newborns and infants with hearing loss. In 2018, data from CDC data told us that:

- 97% of all infants were screened prior to one month of age, and overall, 98.3% of all infants born in the U.S. had their hearing screened.
- 77.1% of infants received audiological evaluations and a diagnosis by three months of age. Our system continues to work to increase the number of infants identified as deaf or hard of hearing at an early age.
- 70.1% of infants were enrolled in early intervention services before six months of age.

In addition, HRSA encourages grantees to develop an integrated EHDI health information system that allows communication and protected data sharing among care providers. Fewer infants are lost to follow-up or documentation as a result of our systems improvements.

While significant progress has been made, other parts of the EHDI system still need improvement. HRSA continues to work toward our goals of screening all newborns, infants, and young children up to 3 years of age for hearing loss, increasing the number of newborns and infants that are enrolled into early intervention programs in a timely manner and expanding family participation within the EHDI system.



Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) |
Maternal and Child Health Bureau ([hrsa.gov](https://www.hrsa.gov))



EHDI Resources, Upcoming Events, and Webinars

CMV Public Health & Policy Conference

Aug. 22-24, 2022

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

As you know, we postponed the 2020 conference to be held in 2021. Like all of you, we have been continuing to closely monitor the global pandemic of COVID-19 and what it could potentially mean for our conference. We also recognize that this may be international travel for many of you, which can take several months to plan. Based on current travel restrictions and the desire to allow more time for people to be fully vaccinated and prepared to travel, the CMV Public Health and Policy Conference (CMV-PHP) planning committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the CMV-PHP once again. Our plan is to have the conference August 21-23, 2022 in Ottawa, Ontario! <https://www.facebook.com/CMVPublicHealthandPolicyConference>



2021 Hands & Voices Leadership Conference 'These Boots are Made for Leading'

Franklin, Tennessee

September 17-19, 2021

To learn more visit:

<https://handsandvoices.org/conference/2021/index.html>



North Dakota Power Up Health Conference is going virtual on Friday, Sept. 10, 2021.

Learn more:

<http://ndcpd.org/powerup.html>



Save the date! 21st Annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Conference

Mar. 13-15, 2022 • Cincinnati, Ohio

www.ehdimeting.org



Visit National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention National Technical Resource Center (EHDI NTRC) to explore events and webinars at https://www.infanthearing.org/resources_home/events/index.html



Visit Hands and Voices Family Leadership in language and learning cooperative (FL3) to explore past webinars and trainings on topics about Family Leadership, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adult Involvement, Family-to-Family Support, and Language, Literacy and Social Development. <https://www.handsandvoices.org/fl3/resources/trainings-webinars.html>



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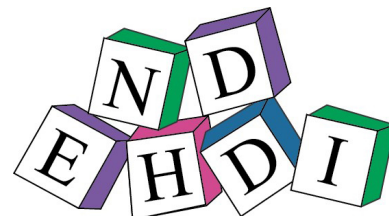


We hope you will find the newsletter provides a broad picture of hearing healthcare in North Dakota. Through collaborative efforts, streamlined processes and consistent communication, ND can assure a strong system of hearing health care for every child birthed and/or residing in North Dakota.

We look forward to being a resource for quality improvement and working with you!

Sincerely,
The ND EHDI Staff

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Chime in! Check out the ND EHDI website at www.ndcpd.org/ehdi for information or to meet the staff. If you have questions, find broken links or typos, or have suggestions, please let us know.



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