



This is an e-mail communication from the Louisiana Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (LA EHD). It is designed to provide EHD stakeholders with current EHD protocols, procedures, resources, and other information. Please feel free to share the LA EHD E-Mail news, *All Ears*, with colleagues working in the field of pediatric audiology or interested in the LA EHD Program.

The 1 ~ 3 ~ 6 Plan

SCREEN...before 1 month of age, preferably before hospital discharge (LA mandate)

DIAGNOSE...before 3 months of age

INTERVENTION...before 6 months of age

Tips for Improving Your EHDI Statistics and Achieving the 1~3~6 Goals

1 Screen. It happens...hurricanes, home births, equipment malfunction. As a result, a hearing screening is not completed prior to hospital discharge. It is **IMPORTANT** to schedule the initial screening at an outpatient facility by 1 month of age!

3 Diagnose. *Lost & Found...* If you feel a baby has become "lost" to your facility prior to completing a confirmed diagnosis of hearing status, **WE CAN HELP!** Please fax a Follow-up Services Report form indicating baby's current follow-up status as "lost". LA EHD has resources for encouraging the family to return for completing your testing.

6 Intervention. *Ongoing Monitoring of a Confirmed Hearing Loss* is a new field on the Follow-up Services Report as a reason for the appointment. Check this when a patient returns for monitoring **after** the initial diagnosis of Permanent Childhood Hearing Loss (PCHL). Some parents may choose this option as the only appropriate intervention for their child.

Louisiana Hands and Voices Guide By Your Side (GBYS) is here!!

Guide By Your Side is a family support program that links families of infants and toddlers newly identified with deafness and hearing loss throughout Louisiana with trained and experienced Parent Guides. Guide services to families include:

- Direct parent-to-parent emotional support
- Sharing information and resources in an unbiased manner
- Workshops, trainings, and events for parents and children
- Networking opportunities with other families



Parent Guides support families according to their unique needs without cost and with a perspective of optimism and hope on a shared journey.

Contact Mariah Ranko for more information or to make a referral:

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Pediatric Audiology Conference: Applications of Evoked Potentials

presented by

**Boys Town National Research Hospital
Lied Learning and Technology Center
Friday, August 2, 2013
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
425 North 30th Street - Omaha, NE**

Join us on Saturday, August 3, 2013, for hands-on ABR practice and case management.

Visit www.boystownhospital.org for information about on-site and distance continuing education conferences, hearing research and services, and more!

RESOURCES

Diagnostic Audiology

Diagnostic Audiology for Audiologists: This workshop was filmed during the Diagnostics and Amplification for Infants and Toddlers workshop on June 6th & 7th, 2012 in Meridian, Idaho, and is now available online for AAA CEUs.



EHDI-PALS Directory is an on-line tool designed for professionals, families, and physicians to locate national sites for **pediatric hearing services**. The locations included in the directory have licensed pediatric audiologists who provide these services to infants and children.

If you are interested in listing your facility in this national directory, go to: www.ehdi-pals.org

Newborn Hearing Screening Training Curriculum is now available for screeners!

- Standardized training.
- Interactive.
- Learn at your own pace.
- Watch demonstrations.
- Receive certificate of completion—AAA and NAPNAP CEUs.



www.infanthearing.org/nhstc

National EHDI Data

National EHDI data is available online at the CDC EHDI Program website: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/ehdi-data.html

The information includes an overview of 2011 data and separate summaries showing the screening, diagnostic, and intervention data reported from nearly every state (Louisiana included) and territory. 2012 EHDI data will be reported to the CDC at the end of 2013.



Coming Soon!..... LA EHDI-IS

A new secured **web-based** health information system will soon be available to report EHDI data!