



EHD State and Territorial Profiles Kentucky

This profile includes information about a state or territorial EHD program related to general program information, hearing screening, re-screening and diagnostic evaluations, early intervention, and the EHD data system.

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Category and Questions	Information
General Program Information	
Official name of the state/territory Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHD) program	Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program
Contact for the state/territory EHD program.	Michelle King, MS, CCC-A Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Administrator Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs - UNHS branch CCSHCN 982 Eastern Parkway Louisville, KY 40217 1-877-757-4327 (502) 595-3403 michelle.king@mail.state.ky.us
Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening? If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	Yes Legislation was passed in July 2000 and requires hospitals with over 40 annual births to screen infants. KY mandates that hearing screening be offered and screening results are reported to the EHD program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes http://chfs.ky.gov/ccshcn/CCSHCNunhs.htm
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	No

State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant related to hearing screening?	Yes
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	No
Hearing Screening Information	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	Yes Written guidelines/protocols are available in a screening manual, which is provided to all 61 birthing hospitals.
Primarily responsible in most hospitals for conducting in-hospital hearing screenings?	Nurses, Other Respiratory therapists and technicians
Estimated percentage of newborns that are initially screened with OAE or AABR. (Of the newborns that failed the initial screen, estimated percentage that are re-screened in the hospital with OAE or AABR.)	NICU Screening: OAE _____%; AABR _____% WBN Screening: OAE _____%; AABR _____% NICU Re-screening: OAE _____%; AABR _____% WBN Re-screening: OAE _____%; AABR _____%
State/territory requires parental consent for hearing screening(s) to be done at the time of birth?	Yes Most Kentucky hospitals include consent for hearing screening in the general consent for newborn care. The standard mandated NCR copied form Hearing Screen Report Form, is completed following birth and has a line for parental signature.
What happens if a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening(s)?	Re-screen in hospital before discharge. Re-screen as outpatient Referred for diagnostic audiological evaluation Hospitals can schedule this or the state will contact the family
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	Yes
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	90% of individual-level screening results are received by web-based data entry; 5% by paper form; 5% by fax. Hospitals fill out a four-copy paper-based screening form and send one copy via mail, fax, or e-mail to the KY Commission for Children with Special Healthcare Needs within 24 hours if the screening indicates potential hearing loss or risk for hearing loss
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or	Notify "Refer" results only The infant's primary care physician receives a copy of the hospital reporting form that is sent to the KY Commission for Children with Special Healthcare Needs. If a child does not have a primary physician

only failed screening?]	the copy of the form will go to their local health department.
Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing re-screenings?	<i>No information currently available</i>
State's program guidelines for helping families with third party preauthorization of re-screening or diagnostic evaluations?	<i>No information currently available</i>
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing diagnostic evaluations?	<i>No information currently available</i>
State/territory EHDI program list of audiologic diagnostic centers and audiologists skilled in providing pediatric services to infants?	Yes http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/D88D6A92-B609-4F96-8977-25B13A7B9134/0/AudiologyResourceList.pdf
Number of pediatric audiologists and/or diagnostic centers on the list	46 diagnostic centers
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for outpatient hearing re-screenings?	Department of Health (DOH), Hospitals When an infant does not pass the hearing screening, the KY Commission for Children is required to contact the parents within three business days to schedule a follow-up hearing test or make a referral for a diagnostic audiologic evaluation.
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	Department of Health (DOH), Hospitals When an infant does not pass the hearing screening, the KY Commission for Children is required to contact the parents within three business days to schedule a follow-up hearing test or make a referral for a diagnostic audiologic evaluation.
How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory	60% of audiological evaluations are reported by fax; 40% by paper form. State reporting of the diagnostic follow-up evaluation is not legislatively mandated so the paper reporting form is often only returned to the KY Commission for Children with Special Healthcare Needs when a hearing loss is identified
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	KY does not mandate that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program. KY seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for all infants screened at birth by hospital who refer, not tested, or have risk indicator for hearing loss. The state periodically mails reporting forms to audiologists with a reminder to complete the forms for all infant hearing tests and newly diagnosed children.

One or more persons on the EHDI staff who are responsible for the follow-up of families who need to return for re-screen, diagnostics, or referral to intervention?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	Health Services Kirsten Hammock, Part C Coordinator kirsten.hammock@ky.gov
State/territory written guidelines, and/or protocols for providing intervention services for children with hearing loss?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Eligibility criteria for Part C services for infants and toddlers with hearing loss	<i>No information currently available</i>
Eligibility criteria for Part B services for preschool children with hearing loss	<i>No information currently available</i>
Children with mild or unilateral hearing loss eligible for services under Part C or Part B?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Other public or private programs(s) and services (other than Part C or Part B) that provide intervention services to children with hearing loss	KY School for the Deaf West KY Services for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
Services such as family support, transportation to follow-up appointments, parent to parent available to families with children with hearing loss? List.	<i>No information currently available</i>
Program receives information regarding whether or not a referred child is receiving Part C services or other intervention services?	No
Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?	No

EHDI Data System	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and follow-up information. .	<p>The KY data system is part of an integrated state data system. It is a "Home grown" system developed by state personnel.</p> <p>The KY program does not obtain birth certificate data for all occurrent births.</p> <p>The KY program does receive individual-level data for ALL hearing screens.</p>
State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk factors for hearing loss?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Unique identifier is used to identify infants/children in the state/territory EHDI tracking system	<i>No information currently available</i>
How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data	<p>KY addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data after data entry, staff search for possible matches.</p> <p>If two records belong to the same individual, or if two records have been combined into a single record, it is possible to fix the error without re-entering the data.</p>
<p>EHDI system linked to or integrated with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Blood spot card -EBC -Audiology -Early Intervention -Immunizations -Other 	KY has an integrated EHDI data system (i.e., the EHDI program has a separate data system from other state programs, but contains all screening, diagnostic, service data in one system.
Other EHDI Questions	
State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).	<p>Yes</p> <p>http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/kentucky.htm</p>
Agencies, foundations, organizations, or other programs that provide funding for the	<i>No information currently available</i>

purchase of any of the assistive devices for children with hearing loss	
Statewide hearing aid loaner program for infants, toddlers, and children with hearing loss?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Resources, other than those from the state or territory, available to help families with the costs of caring for an infant, toddler, or child with a hearing loss?	<i>No information currently available</i>