



EHDI State and Territorial Profiles Montana

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

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Category and Questions	Information
General Program Information	
Official name of the state/territory Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program	Montana Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
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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 2001, but it was not implemented until June 30, 2003. It states that the State Department of Public Health Human Services will "encourage newborn infant hearing tests to be completed before discharge from a hospital or no later than one month. <i>(from old profile)</i> MT mandates that hearing screening be offered and that screening results are reported to the EHDI program. <i>(from data survey)</i>
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	No
State/territory CDC/EHDI Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	No

State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant related to hearing screening?	Yes Awarded in first round of 2001 grants.
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	No
Hearing Screening Information	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	Yes The Montana Audiology Guild has "outlined recommendations for screening technologies, screening interpretations, an assessment protocol and guidelines for pediatric amplification."
Primarily responsible in most hospitals for conducting in-hospital hearing screenings?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
What happens if a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening(s)?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	<i>No information currently available</i>
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	100% of individual-level screening results are received by mailed electronic data file.
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or only failed screening?]	<i>No information currently available</i>
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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Number of pediatric audiologists and/or diagnostic centers on the list	<i>No information currently available</i>
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for outpatient hearing re-screenings?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	<i>No information currently available</i>
How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory	75% of audiological evaluations are reported by mailed electronic data; 25% by paper form.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	<p>MT mandates that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program.</p> <p>MT seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for only those children who did not pass their hearing screening.</p> <p>The MT EHDI program does not receive audiological evaluations for children with risk factors for hearing loss.</p>
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	<p>Department of Public Health and Human Services</p> <p>Erica Swanson, Part C Coordinator</p> <p>epeterson2@mt.gov</p>

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	<i>No information currently available</i>
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?	The MT program does receive information regarding the type of EI service a child is receiving through Part C and other EI providers.
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. .	MT uses a "Home grown" system developed by outside vendor. The MT program obtains birth certificate data for all occurrent births. The MT receives individual-level data for ALL hearing screens.
State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk	<i>No information currently available</i>

factors for hearing loss?	
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>The MT program address de-duplication of screening data after data entry, staff search for possible matches.</p> <p>There is currently no systematic effort for de-duplication of diagnostic evaluation data.</p> <p>If two records belong to the same individual, or if two records have been combined into a single record, it is not 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 	MT has a blended system (e.g., some EHDI data is part of an integrated state data system, other EHDI data is maintained in a separate data 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/montana.htm</p>
Agencies, foundations, organizations, or other programs that provide funding for the purchase of any of the assistive devices for children with hearing loss	<i>No information currently available</i>
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>