



EHD State and Territorial Profiles New Jersey

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	New Jersey Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
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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 creating the New Jersey Hearing Program was passed in 1977. The NJ Department of Health began newborn hearing screening in 1980 for at-risk babies only. The mandate has been amended to include a phase-in process to replace risk-based screening. Universal newborn screening was initiated in 2002. NJ now mandates that hearing screening be offered and results of hearing screenings be reported to the EHD program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/ehdi
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to	Yes

hearing screening?	
State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant related to hearing screening?	Yes
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	Yes <u>On-going:</u> Children with hearing loss and co-morbid conditions. http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/researchongoing.htm
Hearing Screening Information	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	Yes http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/ehdi/screen.shtml
Primarily responsible in most hospitals for conducting in-hospital hearing screenings?	Nurses, Audiologists, Other Physicians Several hospitals have a physician that does the hearing screening.
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 Parents must sign a form before a hearing screening can be given at birth. The screening can be refused for religious reasons.
What happens if a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening(s)?	Referred for diagnostic audiological evaluation Babies who do not pass the hearing screening are brought back to audiology for evaluation. The hospital sends reminder postcards.
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	Yes EBC: screening done (yes/no), screening results, risk factors; results of follow up testing on form.
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	100% of individual-level screening results are received on the EBC. Hospitals are required to report screening results to the state under NJ law and hearing screening rules. All hospitals use the EBC, and transmit data via modem to the Department of Health and Senior Services at least once a week.

<p>Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or only failed screening?]</p>	<p>Notify all screening results ("Refer" and Pass) Hospitals are encouraged to provide screening results to the primary care providers. Parents and the infants' pediatricians are informed of the screening results (verbally and by letter)</p>
<p>Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations</p>	
<p>State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing re-screenings?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>State's program guidelines for helping families with third party preauthorization of re-screening or diagnostic evaluations?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing diagnostic evaluations?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>State/territory EHDI program list of audiologic diagnostic centers and audiologists skilled in providing pediatric services to infants?</p>	<p>Yes http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/ehdi/documents/audiologist_directory.pdf</p>
<p>Number of pediatric audiologists and/or diagnostic centers on the list</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for outpatient hearing re-screenings?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory</p>	<p>94% of audiological evaluations are reported by paper form; 1% by fax; 5% by web-based data entry.</p>
<p>Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?</p>	<p>Yes NJ mandates that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program. NJ seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for all occurrent births below a given age that obtain an audiological evaluation, including children with risk factors.</p>
<p>One or more persons on the EHDI</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>

staff who are responsible for the follow-up of families who need to return for re-screen, diagnostics, or referral to intervention?	
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	Health and Senior Services Terry Harrison, Part C Coordinator terry.harrison@doh.state.nj.us
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?	Yes, individual child level data is received from Part C, but not from other EI providers.
Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?	No
EHDI Data System	

<p>State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and follow-up information. .</p>	<p>NJ has a “Home grown” system developed by state personnel. The NJ program obtains birth certificate data for all occurrent births. The NJ program receives individual-level data for ALL hearing screens.</p>
<p>State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk factors for hearing loss?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Unique identifier is used to identify infants/children in the state/territory EHDI tracking system</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data</p>	<p>The NJ program address de-duplication of screening data after data entry, staff search for possible matches. Diagnostic evaluation data is addressed during data entry, software checks for approximate or probabilistic matches.</p> <p>If it is determined that two records belong to the same individual, it is possible to combine these two records under the same ID number without re-entering all of the data for one of the records.</p> <p>If two records have been combined into a single record, but then it is determined that this was an error, it is not possible to “undo” this and re-create the original, separate records under different ID numbers 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 	<p>NJ 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)</p>
<p>Other EHDI Questions</p>	
<p>State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).</p>	<p>Yes http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/new_jersey.htm</p>

<p>Agencies, foundations, organizations, or other programs that provide funding for the purchase of any of the assistive devices for children with hearing loss</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Statewide hearing aid loaner program for infants, toddlers, and children with hearing loss?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>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?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>