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EHD State and Territorial Profiles Oregon

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	Oregon Universal Newborn Hearing Screening 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 Currently only requires hospitals with over 200 annual births to screen and report the number of births, number of infants screened, and number of Pass / Not Pass. Hospitals are required to report the results of the screening to the DOH
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes. http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ch/hearing/index.shtml
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	Yes.

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. The Oregon Department of Health Services has written guidelines for hospitals to follow for newborn hearing screening. OR requires either a two-state inpatient protocol or an inpatient/outpatient protocol for infants who do not pass in both ears.
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?	No. By Oregon law, parents are not required to give consent, but hospitals may adopt consent procedures at their discretion. Parents may request a waiver for the screening only for religious reasons.
What happens if a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening(s)?	Re-screen in hospital before discharge, Re-screen as outpatient. If the infant does not pass the first screening test, the screener may do a repeat screen immediately only if different technology (OAE or ABR) is used. If the same screening technology is used again, then the screener has to wait at least 12 hours before re-screening.
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	Hospitals use either blood-spot form or HiTrack (~40%). Bloodspot card number is included on both the electronic birth certificate and the HiTrack system.
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or only failed screening?]	Yes.

Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing re-screenings?	Yes.
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?	Yes. http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ch/hearing/dxtest.shtml
State/territory EHDI program list of audiologic diagnostic centers and audiologists skilled in providing pediatric services to infants?	Yes. http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ch/hearing/dxfacil.shtml
Number of pediatric audiologists and/or diagnostic centers on the list	8 diagnostic centers
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for outpatient hearing re-screenings?	Parents or guardians Parents of infants that did not pass the hearing screening are (1) given a list of clinics or providers for out-patient screening in 21 hospitals, (2) referred to other providers in 18 hospitals, or (3) referred for re-screening in the same facility
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	Parents or guardians.
How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory	Diagnostic centers report results within 10 days of the test. Results are transmitted to the DHS via a paper form, usually by fax.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	Yes.
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?	The EHDI program has developed reminder letters that are sent to parents and providers. If a family cannot be located, DHS will contact local public health home visitation nurses who will try to find the family.
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early	Department of Education

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State/territory written guidelines, and/or protocols for providing intervention services for children with hearing loss?	Yes. "Recommended Protocols for EI" Services can be provided by Part C or a private EI provider.
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.	Babies First works with and provides support for infants and young children identified at risk for poor health or developmental outcomes. The CaCoon Program provides care coordination for services for families of children with special health care needs.
Program receives information regarding whether or not a referred child is receiving Part C services or other intervention services?	Each public and private educational institution that provides early intervention services as defined in ORS 343.035 shall disclose to the department information identifying the children referred to the educational institution with diagnosed hearing loss and the enrollment status of the children.
Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?	<i>No information currently available</i>
EHDI Data System	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?	Yes.
Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and follow-up information. .	Custom developed. Currently, OR uses SAS and Access to maintain the EHDI database. The program receives nightly updates from vital records. Data received via blood-spot card is entered by staff in the Public health Laboratory (system modified by Neometrics). The EHDI

	program would like to have all hospital gather and report data via HiTrack and send it to the state.
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	Blood spot card number
How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data	<i>No information currently available</i>
EHDI system linked to or integrated with any of the following: -Blood spot card -EBC -Audiology -Early Intervention -Immunizations -Other	FamilyNet is a Web enabled, comprehensive integrated real-time database system that facilitates and supports maternal and child health services to OR families. Programs involved include Babies First! CaCoon, Mother's Care, hearing, metabolic. FamilyNet will use Data Lever to develop the system. Data Lever was selected based on its performance, ease of use, merging capability, support, integration, and structure. It is expected that the EHDI/HiTrack module will be available by the end of 2006.
Other EHDI Questions	
State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).	Yes. http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/oregon.htm
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?	Yes. To be eligible, children must be enrolled in EI services. Loaners are typically provided for up to four months, and may be extended for an additional three month period.
Resources, other than those from the state or territory, available to help families with the costs of caring for an infant, toddler, or	<i>No information currently available</i>

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