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## EHD State and Territorial Profiles Utah

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
<b>General Program Information</b>	
Official name of the state/territory Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHD) program	Utah Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
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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 1998 that required screening in all hospitals. Reporting of results and referral information to Department of Health (DOH) was mandated. Beginning September 1, 2001, all health care providers are required to report any diagnosis.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes. <a href="http://health.utah.gov/cshcn/hsvs/">http://health.utah.gov/cshcn/hsvs/</a>
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	Yes.
State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant	Yes.

related to hearing screening?	
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	<p><u>On-going:</u>  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/researchongoing.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/researchongoing.htm</a></p> <p><u>Birth Certificate Orders: A Missed Opportunity for Hearing Screening Follow-Up</u> - Utah State University</p> <p><u>Completed:</u>  <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/researchcompleted.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/researchcompleted.htm</a></p> <p><u>Cost</u> – Utah Department of Health and Utah State University, the EI Research Institute and National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management</p> <p><u>Epidemiology and Etiology of Hearing Loss in Newborns and Young Children</u> - Utah Department of Health, Hawai'i Department of Health, Rhode Island Department of Health</p> <p><u>Intrauterine Cytomegalovirus Infection and Hearing Loss in Young Children</u> - Utah Department of Health, University of Utah School of Medicine, and University of Utah School of Medicine</p>
<b>Hearing Screening Information</b>	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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.)	<p>NICU Screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____%</p> <p>WBN Screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____ _%</p> <p>NICU Re-screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____%</p> <p>WBN Re-screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____%</p>
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	<i>No information currently available</i>

screening(s)?	
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	Yes Births w/ identifying information, hearing screening, re-screening & diagnostic status
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	98% of individual-level screening results are received through a mailed electronic data file; 1% via paper form; 1% by other.
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>
<b>Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations</b>	
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?	Utah has developed a Directory of Pediatric Audiologists
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 audiologic evaluation results to the state/territory	80% of audiologic evaluations are reported by paper form; 5% by fax; 5% by mailed electronic data; and 10% by other.

Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	<p>UT mandates that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program.</p> <p>UT seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for only those children who did not pass their hearing screening.</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>
<b>Early Intervention</b>	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	<p>Department of Health</p> <p>Susan Ord, Part C Coordinator</p> <p><a href="mailto:sord@utah.gov">sord@utah.gov</a></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?	<p>Yes. At the individual child level from Part C, but not other EI providers. Utah EHDI receives a monthly report from EI that includes all referrals, date referred, enrollment dates, and exit dates.</p>

<p>Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?</p>	<p>Yes, Utah EHDI receives a monthly report from Part C about the type of intervention, but not from other EI providers.</p>
<p><b>EHDI Data System</b></p>	
<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>UT uses a Commercial software: Hi*Track to screen and track infants. Two hospitals have approval to test Web-enabled Hi*Track. The UT program does not obtain birth certificate data for all occurrent births. The UT 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>UT addresses de-duplication of screening data during data entry, software checks for approximate or probabilistic matches. De-duplication of diagnostic evaluation data is addressed after data entry, staff search for possible matches.  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: -Blood spot card -EBC -Audiology -Early Intervention -Immunizations -Other</p>	<p>UT 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. The EHDI data system may obtain uploads from other systems)  Data from EHDI, Birth and Death Certificates, and the Immunization Program have been loaded into CHARM. Work continues on the interfaces with EI, Blood Spot Screening and CHARM web interface. Integration with other UDOH and non-UDOH programs are planned for subsequent phases.</p>
<p><b>Other EHDI Questions</b></p>	
<p>State materials/ brochures/</p>	<p>Yes.</p>

<p>protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/utah.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/utah.htm</a></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>Utah has the Hearing AID Recycling Program (HARP). HARP obtains previously owned hearing aids from communities and makes them available to children with hearing loss in Utah. Donated hearing aids are cleaned, tested, and if necessary, repaired by the Utah Department of Health, Hearing, Speech and Vision Services (HSVS).</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>