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EHD State and Territorial Profiles Alabama

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	Alabama Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHD) Program
Contact for the state/territory EHD program.	Melissa Tucker Newborn Screening Director Bureau of Family Health Services Alabama Dept of Public Health PO Box 303017 Montgomery, AL 36130 334-206-2944. 334-206-2950 melissatucker@adph.state.al.us
Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening? If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	No Legislation Rules and regulations require any hospital choosing to implement newborn hearing screening to report results to the state EHD program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	http://www.adph.org/newbornscreening/default.asp?TemplateNbr=0&eplID=125% TemplateId=2787
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. http://www.adph.org/NEWBORNSCREENING/NBHS%20protocol%20and%20guidelines.pdf
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?	There is no state legislation requiring parents to give consent to hearing screenings, but consent policies may vary by each UNHS hospital
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?	Reporting requirements began October, 2002
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	On the Blood Spot Card.
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?	Yes. http://www.adph.org/NEWBORNSCREENING/NBHS%20protocol%20and%20guidelines.pdf
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://www.adph.org/NEWBORNSCREENING/NBHS%20protocol%20and%20guidelines.pdf
State/territory EHDI program list of audiologic diagnostic centers and audiologists skilled in providing pediatric services to infants?	Yes. Alabama created "Qualified Provider Directory for Pediatric Audiological Services..
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	<i>No information currently available</i>
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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	Rehabilitation Services

Intervention Program	Elizabeth Prince, Part C Coordinator bdprince@rehab.state.al.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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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. .	Hearing screening results are reported on the blood spot card, which is sent to the state lab. The EHDI program uses Neometrics to retrieve hearing screening results from the BCL. AURIS is used for tracking and follow-up

<p>State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk factors for hearing loss?</p>	<p>Yes</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><i>No information currently available</i></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>Alabama's Vital Records began the statewide roll-out of web-based EBC called EVERS. The EHDI program has collaborated with Vital Records. Until this system is in place, EHDI will continue to use the BSC and the primary collection point for newborn hearing screening.</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/alabama.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>