



EHDI State and Territorial Profiles Illinois

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	Illinois Newborn Hearing Screening Program
Contact for the state/territory EHDI program.	Gail Tanner, Au.D. Administrator, Vision and Hearing Section Illinois Department of Public Health 500 E. Monroe Street, First Floor Springfield, IL 62701 217-782-4733 Gail.Tanner@Illinois.gov
Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening? If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	Yes The legislation requires that "By December 31, 2002, all hospitals performing deliveries shall conduct hearing screening of all newborn infants prior to discharge." IL mandates that hearing screening be offered and screening results be reported to the EHDI program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes http://www.dhs.state.il.us/chp/ofh/chn/newbornhear.asp
State/territory CDC/EHDI Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	No IL did have a CDC Cooperative Agreement for EHDI but it ended in 2005
State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant	Yes Awarded in 2000

related to hearing screening?	
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	No
Hearing Screening Information	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	Yes Program guidelines related to universal newborn hearing screening are available
Primarily responsible in most hospitals for conducting in-hospital hearing screenings?	Nurses, Technicians, Audiologists, Other A hearing screen that results in a refer in one or both ears requires a second hearing screen PRIOR to discharge.
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 Parental consent for hearing screenings is not required and universal newborn hearing screening is mandated by IL state law.
What happens if a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening(s)?	Re-screen in hospital before discharge, either AABR or OAE
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	Yes IL requires birth hospitals to report individual newborn hearing screening data to the Illinois Department of Public Health(IDPH) weekly.
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	HI*Track software IL requires individual data be reported to Illinois Department of Public Health(IDPH) on all births and transfers. Newborns who passed, referred, were missed, parent refused, were transferred or expired are all reported. Reports are made weekly via HiTrack encrypted transfer file. 75% of individual-level screening results are receive via mailed electronic data file; 15% by fax; 10% by paper form.
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or only failed screening?]	Notify all screening results ("Refer" and Pass) The birth hospital staff notifies the inpatient physician or hospitalist of the screening results. The hospital staff makes every attempt to provide the correct PCP or medical home of the baby to IDPH and the IL Newborn Hearing Screening Program notifies the PCP (and parent) regarding refer, missed, refused results and also reminder letters and

	notification of broken appointments.
Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing re-screenings?	Yes The IL Newborn Hearing Program has rescreening protocols, medical and audiological guidelines.
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
State/territory EHDI program list of audiologic diagnostic centers and audiologists skilled in providing pediatric services to infants?	No The Illinois Department of Public Health does not distribute a state list of pediatric audiologists to parents. However, in the information given to parents, there are phone numbers that can be called to obtain the most up-to-date information on 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?	Primary Care Provider (PCP), Parents or guardians, Department of Health (DOH), Hospitals The IL Newborn Hearing Program sends letters to both parents and physicians. The baby's medical home is ideally the one that makes the referral and helps the parent schedule. If needed, the IL Newborn Hearing Program will help the physician and parent to find an appropriate site for the outpatient rescreen or diagnostic.
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	Parents or guardians If an infant does not pass the hearing screenings prior to hospital discharge, the hospital provides parents with written information about further diagnostic testing and explanations of how to obtain these diagnostic tests.
How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory	50% of audiological evaluations are reported by paper form; 50% by fax.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	IL mandates that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program. IL seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for only those children who did not pass their hearing screening, including children with risk factors for hearing loss.
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,	<i>No information currently available</i>

or referral to intervention?	
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	Department of Human Services Janet Gully, Chief janet.gully@illinois.gov
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, at the individual child level 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	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?	Yes

<p>Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and follow-up information. .</p>	<p>Commercial software: HI*Track</p> <p>The IL program does not obtain birth certificate data for all occurrent birth.</p> <p>The IL program does receive 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>Yes if known. Risk facotrs may be reported by the birth hospital staff.</p>
<p>Unique identifier is used to identify infants/children in the state/territory EHDI tracking system</p>	<p>Number generated by the data system.</p> <p>Each child will be uniquely identified by their medical chart number and the number assigned by Hi*Track which is based on the order of entry into the database.</p>
<p>How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data</p>	<p>The IL program address de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data after data entry, staff search for possible 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>IL has a non-integrated system (e.g., one database contains screening data, a separate database contains diagnostic evaluation data)</p> <p>Information in not incorporated from the EBC or the blood spot card.</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</p> <p>http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/illinois.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</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>

loss	
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>