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## EHD State and Territorial Profiles Mississippi

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	Universal Infant Hearing Screening Project.
Contact for the state/territory EHD program.	Libbie Sonnier EHD Director First Steps Early Intervention Program Mississippi Department of Health 570 E. Woodrow Wilson Drive PO Box 1700 Jackson, MS 39215 (601) 576-7427 (601) 576-7540 <a href="mailto:Libbie.Sonnier@msdh.state.ms.us">Libbie.Sonnier@msdh.state.ms.us</a>
Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening?  If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	Yes As of January 1, 1998 all babies are required to be screened. "The Department of Health may: (a) Execute contracts that the department deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this section; (b) Receive data from medical records for children suspected of hearing loss.  MS also mandates that screening results be reported to the EHD program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes <a href="http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/41,0,174.html">http://www.msdh.state.ms.us/msdhsite/_static/41,0,174.html</a>
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to	No

hearing screening?	
State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant related to hearing screening?	Yes Awarded in first round of 2001 grants.
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	No
<b>Hearing Screening Information</b>	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	Yes A three step screening protocol is recommended. The first screen is completed shortly after birth when the baby is quiet. A second screen is completed prior to discharge if the baby does not pass the first screen. A third outpatient screen is scheduled for those who do not pass the second in-hospital screen.
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
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?	Yes Number of infants screened prior to discharge, before 1 month of age
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	Paper form
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or	<i>No information currently available</i>

only failed screening?]	
<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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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	100% of audiological evaluations are reported by paper form.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	MS mandates that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program. MS seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for only those children who did not pass their hearing screening. The MS EHDI program does receive audiological evaluations for 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, or referral to intervention?	<i>No information currently available</i>
<b>Early Intervention</b>	

Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	Department of Health Danita Munday, Part C Coordinator <a href="mailto:danita.munday@msdh.state.ms.us">danita.munday@msdh.state.ms.us</a>
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 and other providers.
Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?	Yes, the EHDI program receives information regarding the type of EI service a child is receiving from Part C and other EI providers.
<b>EHDI Data System</b>	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and	MS has a "Home grown" system developed by state personnel. The MS program does not obtain birth certificate data for all occurrent

follow-up information. .	births The MS program receives individual-level data for ALL hearing screens.
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	<i>No information currently available</i>
How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data	There is currently no systematic effort for de-duplication of screening data. De-duplication of diagnostic evaluation data is addressed during 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.
EHDI system linked to or integrated with any of the following:  -Blood spot card -EBC -Audiology -Early Intervention -Immunizations -Other	MS 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.
<b>Other EHDI Questions</b>	
State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).	<i>No information currently available</i>
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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Resources, other than those from	<i>No information currently available</i>

the state or territory, available to help families with the costs of caring for an infant, toddler, or child with a hearing loss?	
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