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EHD State and Territorial Profiles District of Columbia

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	District of Columbia
Contact for the state/territory EHD program.	Joyce Brooks Office of Maternal and Child Health 25 North Capital Street NE Washington, DC 20002 (202) 442-9338 (202) 442-4950 jbrooks@dchealth.com
Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening? If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	Yes "D.C. Code Ann. § 7-851 et seq. (2001) requires that every hospital and maternity center establish a newborn hearing screening program to screen all newborns before they are discharged from the hospital. All health benefit plans are required to provide reimbursement. DC also mandates that results be reported to the EHD program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	No
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	No
State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant	Yes

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?	<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.)	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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	100% of individual-level screening results are received via web-based data entry.
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	<i>No information currently available</i>

hearing re-screenings?	
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	50% of audiological evaluation are reported by paper form; 25% by fax; and 25% by mailed electronic data.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	DC mandates that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program. DC seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for those children who did not pass their hearing screening and 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>
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	Human Services Early Care and Education Administration Tracie Dickson, Program Manager tracie.dickson@dc.gov
State/territory written guidelines, and/or protocols for providing	<i>No information currently available</i>

intervention services for children with hearing loss?	
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, on an individual child level for Part C, but not other EI Providers.
Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?	Yes, on an individual child level for Part C, but not other EI providers.
EHDI Data System	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?	DC uses a commercial software: Welligent. The DC program obtains birth certificate data for all occurrent births. The DC program receives individual-level data for ALL hearing screens.
Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and follow-up information. .	<i>No information currently available</i>
State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk	<i>No information currently available</i>

factors for hearing loss?	
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	The DC program address de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data during data entry, software checks for exact 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	DC 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.
Other EHDI Questions	
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 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>