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EHD State and Territorial Profiles South Carolina

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	First Sound Newborn Hearing Screening
Contact for the state/territory EHD program.	Tara Carroll, MCD, CCC/A First Sound Program Director Dept of Health & Environmental Control 1751 Calhoun Street, Mills/Jarrett Complex Box 101106 Columbia, SC 29211 803-898-0708 803-898-4453 carroltp@dhec.sc.gov
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 effective July 1, 2001, and mandates newborn hearing screenings be conducted during birth admission on all newborns born in hospitals in this State with 100 births or more annually.using procedures recommended or approved by the department and to provide for screening by another source if not required to screen because of less than 100 births annually.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes http://www.scdhec.gov/health/mch/cshcn/programs/firstsound.htm
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	No

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?	No
Primarily responsible in most hospitals for conducting in-hospital hearing screenings?	Nurses, Technicians
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)?	Re-screen in hospital before discharge with AABR. Re-screen as outpatient . Referred for diagnostic audiological evaluation.
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	Yes Demographic data, screening results, audiology appointment information
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	Through a custom-developed system
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) Through hospital Newborn Hearing Screening Form. Duplicate copy is forwarded to physician of record.
Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations	

State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing re-screenings?	No
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?	Yes
Number of pediatric audiologists and/or diagnostic centers on the list	Approximately 40 diagnostic centers
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for outpatient hearing re-screenings?	Hospitals
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	Hospitals
How audiologists report diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to the state/territory	Electronically
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to the state/territory?	Yes
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	Department of Health and Environmental Control Cheryl Waller, Director & Interim Part C Coordinator wallercj@dhec.sc.gov Babynet

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. .	Custom developed system
State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk	Yes

factors for hearing loss?	
Unique identifier is used to identify infants/children in the state/territory EHDI tracking system	Medical Record Number
How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data	<i>No information currently available</i>
EHDI system linked to or integrated with any of the following: -Blood spot card -EBC -Audiology -Early Intervention -Immunizations -Other	Working on integrating with EBC now.
Other EHDI Questions	
State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).	Yes http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/south_carolina.htm
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?	The Hearing Aid program provides hearing aids and related supplies to individuals with a hearing loss for children enrolled in Medicaid.