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## EHD State and Territorial Profiles Texas

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	Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (TEHDI) Program
Contact for the state/territory EHD program.	Joy O'Neal, MFA, CCC-A Director Audiology Services, Bureau of Children's Health Texas Dept. of Health 1100 West 49th Street, T608 Austin, TX 78756 (512) 458-7726 (512) 458-7350 <a href="mailto:joy.oneal@tdh.state.tx.us">joy.oneal@tdh.state.tx.us</a> , <a href="mailto:audiology@tdh.state.tx.us">audiology@tdh.state.tx.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 House Bill 713 passed in 1999. Full implementation by April 1, 2001, requires that certain birth facilities offer newborn hearing screening (NBHS) to all families of newborns during the birth admission and that, with parent permission, results be sent to the TEHDI program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	Yes <a href="http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/audio/newbornhear.shtm">http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/audio/newbornhear.shtm</a>
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?	<i>No information currently available</i>
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
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?	Yes
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?	TX Administrative Code states that "Birthing facilities shall provide information regarding the results of the birth admission hearing screen to the parents, attending physician or health care provider, and to the department or the department's designee. Individually identified information will be reported to the department upon written consent of the parents."
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	<i>No information currently available</i>
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>
<b>Rescreening and Diagnostic</b>	

<b>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	Results are reported via the OZ system
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	Audiologists are required to report results to the Department with the parent's consent.
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 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Kim Wedel, Assistant Commissioner <a href="mailto:kim.wedel@dars.state.tx.us">kim.wedel@dars.state.tx.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?	<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>
<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 follow-up information. .	TX uses commercial software: Oz system.
State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify	<i>No information currently available</i>

infants and children with risk 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	<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	<i>No information currently available</i>
<b>Other EHDI Questions</b>	
State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).	Yes <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/texas.htm">http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/texas.htm</a>
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>