



EHD State and Territorial Profiles Wyoming

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	Wyoming Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
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Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening? If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	Yes Passed in 1999. Full implementation by July 1, 1999. The mandates that hearing screening be offered and 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?	Yes
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?	Nurses All but one hospital use Natus Algo III. United Medical Center uses SonaMed
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)?	Hospitals inform the parents of failed test both in writing and in person and provide written appointment for re-screening. Each location has OAE equipment. These regions will screen "missed" children or children who are thought to have progressive/late-onset hearing loss.
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	Screening data from birthing hospitals are transmitted to DOH via diskettes. WY is in the process of converting data transmission to be electronic, directly from the hospital to the state.
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or only failed screening?]	Notify "Refer" results only
Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations	

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?	Yes.
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?	hospitals
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	Parents or guardians. Many children are sent out-of-state for diagnostic evaluations.
How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory	75% of audiological evaluations are reported by paper form; 25% by fax.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	There is no mandate that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program. OR seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for only those children who did not pass their hearing screening.
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?	DOH staff work with PCP, PHN or other agencies to ensure families return for re-screening and diagnosis. Follow-up is conducted primarily by WY EHDI staff and hospitals.
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	Department of Health Christine DeMer, Part C Coordinator cdemer@state.wy.us WY has 14 developmental, Part C/Part B regions. Each region has a private, non-profit organization that coordinates and contracts the Part

	C services.
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	Children with any level of hearing loss – bilateral and unilateral
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?	Yes, under Part C
Other public or private programs(s) and services (other than Part C or Part B) that provide intervention services to children with hearing loss	Private therapists and Home health/Title V
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 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?	Yes, on an individual child level from Part C, but not from other EI providers.
EHDI Data System	
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. .	<p>WY 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. The system is “Home grown” system developed by state personnel and by an outside vendor.</p> <p>The EHDI data system may obtain uploads from other systems. WY</p>

	<p>contracted with Limelight Technologies to develop a comprehensive software package. The system went live at the end of 2003. The system is designed so that Natus & SonaMed can transmit data.</p> <p>In 2004 Limelight initiated a web interface for audiologists to use.</p> <p>The WY program obtains birth certificate data for all occurrent births.</p> <p>The OR program receives individual-level data for ALL hearing screens.</p> <p>100% of individual-level screening results are received by mailed electronic data file.</p>
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	<p>The OR program addresses 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>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>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. The EHDI data system may obtain uploads from other systems).</p> <p>The EHDI program has been in discussion with vital records to be able to link EBC data with both hearing and metabolic results.</p> <p>WY is expecting a software developer working with Part C/Part B will develop a system for matching vision screening results with hearing screening results.</p> <p>An immunization registry is currently being implemented through Vital Statistics.</p> <p>Currently there is no birth defects registry but does have a lead screening tracking system.</p>
Other EHDI Questions	
State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).	<p>Yes.</p> <p>http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/wyoming.htm</p>
Agencies, foundations, organizations, or other programs	<i>No information currently available</i>

<p>that provide funding for the purchase of any of the assistive devices for children with hearing loss</p>	
<p>Statewide hearing aid loaner program for infants, toddlers, and children with hearing loss?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Screening is partly covered by the hospital package. Diagnostics are paid for from a variety of resources: Title V, Medicaid, private insurance, CHIP, and sometimes parents are billed. Cochlear implants are also paid for from a variety of funding sources.</p>