

Hear Now!



NORTH DAKOTA EARLY HEARING DETECTION & INTERVENTION

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ND EHD I Quality Improvement Survey

In April of 2009, ND EHD I staff sent out a survey to 894 ND families whose children were birthed in 2008 and had a referred or missed birth screen. Of the 894 surveys sent, 15% (n= 136) of families responded. According to the parents surveyed, a need exists to: a) increase screener knowledge about the screening process, b) increase provider's ability to relay accurate information back to families, c) receive written documentation of screening results at discharge, d) involve the family in the screening process, and e) increase access to pediatric hearing care providers. A number of parents indicated that they appreciated receiving written letters from the ND EHD I office informing them of their child's hearing results and encouraging parents to access follow-up care. A detailed summary of the report is available online at www.ndcpd.org/ehdi

Supplement Not Funded

It is with regret that we announce the Supplement for the ND Hear-Now project was not funded. We had hoped to fund two additional positions through this added funding and increase our efforts to provide follow-up services in ND. We will continue with our existing budget to address the hearing health needs in ND.

ND HearNow Staff Addition

We are happy to have Roxann Hayhurst join our ND EHD I team again. She will be assisting our data coordinators in follow-up efforts. Welcome back Roxann!

Did You Know



The North Dakota Right Track program has portable hearing screening equipment readily available to assist with providing hearing screenings through a home visit. Contact your local Right Track provider for more information!

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TeleAudiology Update

As the exclusive contract with HRSA enters the second and final year the project principals, Tom Froelich MS/CCC-A, Steve Peterson MT (ASCP), and Neil Scharpe MS SpEd have begun testing of the draft protocols for delivering audiology diagnostics via the internet.

The contract specifically calls for the development of a Management Protocol, a Technical Protocol and a Tool Kit that could be used by existing telemedicine networks to reduce travel of parents whose infant has referred after two hearing screenings. The concept is to allow the parents to remain closer to home and the audiologist to remain in his/her office while completing the testing via the internet.

Current steps are to test the training procedures of a paraprofessional on the distant site and also to beta test the equipment and internet connections in a variety of locations to trouble shoot problem areas.



As testing continues, the next steps for the project will be to provide diagnostics to infants on a trial basis.

ND Data Linkage Update



This grant was developed with the purpose of linking unique data sets within North Dakota with the ND EHDl data to reduce loss to follow up of infants who have referred on hearing screenings.

A major step was recently taken when a data use agreement was signed that would allow the sharing of Vital Records data with the current ND EHDl system. It is believed that Vital Records holds the most accurate set of information on births in ND. With the current ND EHDl program capturing 98% of all births annually it is critical that the other 2% are also identified and offered hearing screening. This agreement will give the project that opportunity.

Project staff continue to work with the OZ Corporation in the development of an early intervention module that will be used to better track referrals and follow up of those infants who miss or refer on their hearing screenings.

Taking Diagnostics to the Child Via TeleAudiology

A one of a kind contract with HRSA is entering its second year and kicking it off with a poster session at the annual AUCD conference in Washington, DC. NDCPD was awarded an exclusive contract a year ago to develop protocol for implementing audiology diagnostics utilizing the telemedicine network. As work on the protocol development enters its second year the principals, Tom Froelich MS/CCC-A, Steve Peterson MT (ASCP), and Neil Scharpe MS SpEd will present a poster session at the annual Association of Centers on Disabilities in November.



Upcoming Events

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2009

October:

- 4th Annual Investing in Family Support; Oct. 4-6, 2009; Scottsdale, AZ
- Heuser Hearing Institute Symposium; Oct. 9-10; Louisville, KY
- Early Intervention for Children with Hearing Impairment Workshop: Central Institute for the Deaf, St. Louis, Missouri. October 21, 2009.

November:

- Next Steps, 5th biennial New England Regional Consortium Boston, Massachusetts. Nov.12-13.
- American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) 2009 Convention, Nov. 19-21, New Orleans

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April:

- American Academy of Audiology Convention: San Diego, California. April 14-17, 2010.

June:

- NHS Conference, Villa Erba Congress Center, Cernobbio, Italy, June 8-10

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our next ND EHD
Advisory Group
meeting will be held in
Bismarck on Monday
November 2nd from
10-1pm.
New members are
welcome.

If interested in becoming a
member, please contact
Nicole Frana at
1-800-233-1737.



Growth Charts are back in STOCK!

If interested in receiving more
Contact: Nicole Frana
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What is EHDI?



EHDI (Early Hearing Detection & Intervention) programs are located in states and are designed to identify infants with hearing loss by universal screening. This allows identified infants to be enrolled in an early intervention program. These intervention programs are designed to help facilitate the development of visual and/or spoken language and the cognitive (thinking) skills needed to succeed academically and socially.

Chime In!

ND EHDI WEBSITE

Check out the most updated ND EHDI website at www.ndcpd.org/ehdi for information or to meet the staff. If you have questions, find broken links or typos, or have suggestions, please let us know.



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Alternative formats of materials available upon request



HEAR Now! Training Tip: OZ eSP and Infant In-State Transfers

It is not unusual for high-risk infants to be transferred from the birth hospital to another ND hospital offering a higher level of care. When a transfer occurs, it is important the OZ record follows the child. In OZ eSP, hospitals only “see” infants birthed at their facility, thus it is necessary for the birth hospital to physically notify the recipient hospital and add the recipient hospital as a “Professional Contact” to the infant’s OZ record. Taking these steps gives the recipient hospital access the infant’s original file, decreases the possibility of duplication and assures a complete hearing record is kept. In an effort to provide the recipient hospital with notification and access to an infant’s OZ record when an in-state transfer has occurred, please utilize the following steps.

Birth Hospitals are asked to:

1. Physically call the recipient hospital’s OZ data entry personnel to notify them of a transfer.

Many times, OZ data entry person(s) at a hospital are not located in the nursery and do not receive notification of infant transfers. The birth hospital’s call will alert the recipient facility of the transfer and will in turn reduce duplicate entries. *Contact information for birthing hospital’s OZ eSP data entry personnel at each hospital are listed on the “[Hospital Networking List](#)”.*

All hospitals should have this list. If your facility needs a copy, please contact Sue Routledge or Jerusha Olthoff at ND EDHI (1-800-233-1737).

2. Add the recipient hospital as the “Birth Screen Provider” to the infant record in OZ eSP

On the demographics page under Patient Professional Contacts:

1. Click on “Add Professional Contact”
2. On Step 1, use the drop down box to select “Birth Screen Provider” as the service
3. On Step 2, choose “search for place (facility)”
4. Click on “Locate Professional Contact”
 - i. In the Facility Name, enter the first couple letters of the facility (Example: enter “tri” for Trinity)
 - ii. Click on “Submit Search Criteria”
 - iii. Locate the correct facility from the displayed list, click on “select”
 - iv. Verify the facility name is correctly displayed
 1. Click on “Save & Return to Demographics Tab”
5. The recipient facility name should now be displayed under Patient Professional Contacts
6. Under Patient Professional Contacts, click on “Remove” in front of your facility (Removing your facility transfers Birth Screening responsibilities to the recipient hospital. It also removes your ability to “see” the file as provider rights will solely be seen by the recipient hospital.)
7. In the event the infant returns to your facility for outpatient screening, the recipient facility will need transfer “rights” back by adding your facility with “Out Patient Screening” selected as the service under Patient Professional Contacts.



The 2010 National EHDl Conference Abstract Submission Begins

The 2010 National EHDl Conference will be held in Chicago March 1-2, 2010. Abstracts for presentations and posters will be accepted online at <http://ehdiconference.org/users/login.cfm> beginning September 28, 2009.



Timelines

Abstracts Due: Monday, November 2, 2009, 12:00 midnight (Eastern Standard Time)

Notification of abstract acceptance: December 4, 2009

Abstract Submission

Abstracts for breakout and poster sessions for the 2010 National EHDl Conference are being requested. **The deadline for receipt of abstracts is Monday, November 2, 2009 at 12:00 midnight (Eastern Standard Time).** Electronic (online) submission of abstracts is required and can be done at <http://ehdiconference.org/users/Login.cfm> beginning September 28, 2009. To submit an abstract for either a presentation or a poster you must provide a title, a brief description of the content (maximum of 300 words), and information about the author(s).

Abstract Notification

Contributors will be notified about whether the abstract has been accepted on or about December 4, 2009. (If you have not received notification by December 7th, please contact ehdiconference@usu.edu)

Presentation Formats

Abstracts for the 2010 EHDl Conference will be considered for either a breakout presentation or for a poster session. As part of the online submission process you may indicate your preference for your abstract to be considered for:

1. A breakout presentation only
2. A poster session only
3. Either a breakout presentation or poster session

Employment Opportunities

North Dakota School for the Deaf is seeking a Paren Infant/Outreach Program Specialist. Full-time; 10 mo. position with state benefits. Plan and provide direct, consultative and technical assistance pertaining to hearing loss (0-adult). Knowledge and training in deaf education and speech therapy is required. For more information contact NDS at 701-665-4400.

North Dakota School for the Deaf is seeking a Special Needs Teacher. Full-time; 9 mo. position with state benefits. For more information contact NDS at 701-665-4400.