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Quality Corner- Hearing Screening Prep Tips

In order to obtain the most accurate and efficient hearing screening results, please try the following suggestions:

✓ Quiet Baby: Muscle movement generates brain activity. When a baby is active, the screening device must slow down to accurately detect the fine brainwaves it needs to interpret and generate a result. Therefore, the quieter the baby, the quicker the screen.

✓ Quiet Room: Please complete the hearing screening in a quiet room. In the nursery, minimize talking and other environmental noise. For baby friendly hospitals screening, in the mother’s room, turn down the volume on the TV and cell phones. Performing hearing screening in the mother’s room lends itself to test transparency for parents, the ability to address questions and the opportunity to immediately discuss the results.

✓ Time of Screening: Try to select a time when the baby has just been fed. Another good time to screen is after the first bath (during the transition period). While we suggest you wait until the 6th hour of life to screen, it is acceptable to screen during transition, when baby is in the first deep sleep.

✓ Swaddle the baby: Try to keep the baby tightly snuggled in a blanket. The blanket will not interfere with the function of the device and it will help to keep the baby’s movement to a minimum.

Source: Adapted from Indiana EHDI - www.in.gov/isdh
Thank you for all of your hard work to make sure every Michigan baby has a hearing test!

In 2016, 175 babies were diagnosed with hearing loss.

In 2017, we identified 167 babies with hearing loss.

Thank you from EHDI and the babies of Michigan!
My sons are getting older: 16 and 13 already. They are starting to look back on my parenting and tell me what I could have done better. I laugh because parenting is hard and we all do our best, and then I take what they tell me and use it to inform my parenting practices going forward.

Feedback is essential, whether it is about our parenting, or our work. When my family went through the diagnosis of my youngest child’s hearing loss, I was amazed at the full scope of the complicated process: newborn screening and re-screening, outpatient screening, diagnostic evaluation, and then educational intervention. There are so many moving parts, so many people involved, and so many opportunities for things to fall through the cracks.

This strikes me again, whenever I read suggestions captured in parent surveys. These are some of the experiences, captured:

“Make parents more aware this (hearing screening) is - or could be - a big deal.”

“Provide more information or other choices of test locations.”

“I had no idea what to expect when I went.”

“I really appreciated finding out immediately that my daughter failed the screening.”

“Just educate and keep doing what you all are doing. It definitely makes a difference.”

I’ll leave you with these quotes from our surveys to remind you of the impact of your work, and I think I’ll go ask my teen boys to tell me what I did well too!

Happy 2019!
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

Screener Reporting Tips

Questions and Answers

1. A family refused the blood spot test but not the hearing test. What should I do?

EHDI recommends filling out the initial hearing results on the EHDI reporting form. It is located at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/FORMAUDMED_53429_7.pdf. After it is filled out, fax it to EHDI at 517-763-0183 or mail the form in with the rest of your hearing cards. This same form can also be used if the hearing card was lost.

2. A baby had more than one blood spot test, what should I do with the hearing results?

The final hearing results can be written on either hearing card. The EHDI program will ensure the results are matched with the correct baby. If you send in both hearing cards, please do not staple the cards together, as this will jam the card scanner.

If you have any questions regarding newborn hearing screening please contact Michelle Garcia at 517-335-8878 or garciam@michigan.gov.
Camp Chris Williams, August 4-10, 2019

Deaf and hard of hearing youths ages 11-17 years of age are welcome to attend the annual Camp Chris Williams sponsored by the Michigan Coalition for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind People. The camp is scheduled for Sunday, August 4 through Saturday August 10. It will be held in Greenville, MI. Camp Chris Williams is a week-long immersive residential camp experience for youth. Counselors are Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults and interpreters are on-site. Camp activities include: wall-climbing, swimming, boating, hiking, campfires, mini-olympics, dancing, arts and crafts along with career presentations by Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults. Registration is on-line and costs are $450 per youth before May 1, 2019: https://app.campdoc.com/register/chriswilliams/camper. For more information email: Campchris@michdhh.org or call 586-718-0344.
New Year, New Bubble!

Don’t forget to change your screening card “bubble” habits from 2018 to 2019! It’s an easy mistake to make in our hectic lives as we all try to get more done in less time!

Please note—the zero (0) is at the top!
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<td>A parent brochure explaining the hearing screening process. The content is in a question and answer format coupled with a developmental milestone schedule.</td>
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<td>Hearing Screening Results Crib Card</td>
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<td>For birth hospitals to document the newborn hearing screen results for families and provide information on language development.</td>
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<td>Services for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: A Guide for Families and Providers-68 pages</td>
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<td>For providers and families of children with hearing loss, provides information on hearing loss, communication options, early intervention and state and national resources.</td>
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<td>Michigan Hands &amp; Voices™ Guide By Your Side Brochure™</td>
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<td>A parent-to-parent program for families with young children identified as deaf or hard of hearing. Families may sign up to be matched with a trained Parent Guide who is another parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing.</td>
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<td>An organization dedicated to non-based support for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. This brochure provides information about all of its programs to support families, and instructions on how to join.</td>
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<td>Loss &amp; Found DVD</td>
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<td>For birth hospitals or other providers to utilize in educating parents when babies do not pass the newborn hearing screening, and to encourage families to follow through with further testing. Note: It is recommended that this video be added to the in-house television loop.</td>
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*EHDI reserves the right to restrict quantity of brochures to hospitals based on birth population/need.

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