

EHDI Quarterly Newsletter & Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Data



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Thank You to Michigan Nurses and Midwives



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program extends our sincere thanks and gratitude for all of the Michigan nurses and midwives for your continued services to families. Thank you for ongoing efforts to provide hearing screenings for babies in your care.

As part of the "*Year of the Nurse and Midwife*" celebration, the American Nurses Association will expand National Nurses Week, traditionally celebrated from May 6 to May 12 each year, to a month-long celebration in May to expand opportunities to elevate and celebrate nursing.

June is National Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Month



CMV is a common virus. Pregnant women who already have young children, or who work with young children, are at highest risk of getting CMV. Daycare providers should wear gloves to change diapers.

CMV is the most common infection present at birth in the US and is the most common viral cause of birth defects and developmental disabilities.

CMV is the leading non-genetic cause of childhood hearing loss. Prevent the infections by developing healthy habits to stop CMV from spreading:

- CMV can be prevented by avoiding contact with saliva when kissing a child.
- Do not share food, utensils, drinks, or toothbrushes.
- Wash your hands after wiping a child's nose/mouth and after changing diapers.



Prevention is key! Resources and information below:

[National CMV Website](#)

[Center for Disease Control and Prevention - Cytomegalovirus \(CMV\) and Congenital CMV Infection](#)

For free downloadable educational brochures, visit our EHDI website: Michigan.gov/EHDI

[National CMV Foundation flyer.](#)



Better Hearing & Speech Month 2020

Each May, **Better Hearing & Speech Month** (BHSM) provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders. For more information, please visit the [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association website.](#)

May is Better Hearing & Speech Month



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Communication at Work



ASHA
American
Speech-Language-Hearing
Association

For more information,
visit www.asha.org

Hearing Loss and Remote Work

Advice for Effective Communication During Virtual Meetings

- Make Time for Introductions
- Use Video
- Check Lighting

- Keep Your Mouth Unobstructed
- Use the Mute Button
- Wait Your Turn
- Share Your Screen
- Record Your Meeting

[Please visit the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association website for more information.](#)

Parent Story

By: Parent, Anna Krystiniak



We still don't know the cause of our daughter's hearing loss. She's hard of hearing. She has single sided deafness and that's how she was initially diagnosed. Additionally, she has hearing loss on the other side. I had a hard pregnancy with premature labor because of infections, antibiotics and kidney stone surgery in the third trimester. I guess that sort of makes sense as the cause.

The birth went well and was quick. She was born in the afternoon and a lot of the routine tests didn't get done until nighttime. My sister had a baby 5 weeks

earlier and they did a hearing test, and her baby passed it just fine. Later though, my sister was convinced her baby was deaf. He didn't respond to the dog barking, or a balloon pop. She had him tested and he was fine. Due to her experiences, I think I knew there would be a newborn hearing test. And then it ended up *my* baby was hard of hearing!

When the nurse brought our daughter back after her first hearing screen, she didn't say anything about the results, and we were fussing over our sweet girl. It wasn't until we woke up in the morning that we found a form taped to her bassinet that said she referred on both sides. It was just this little note.

We weren't worried. We thought the pediatrician would come around and talk about it or the nurse will mention it. We were preoccupied with lack of sleep and breastfeeding. We finally asked a nurse and she said "Oh yea, it's fine. It's nothing. It's just fluid. Don't worry about it. Even the pediatrician said "Oh it's fluid. She'll pass today." But she didn't.

Please Note: EHDI discourages saying "it's just fluid." This minimizes the importance of follow-up. Instead, tell parents not to worry, but it is important to have follow-up testing.



They did two screens when she was born, and then they did another otoacoustical emissions (OAE) screen two weeks later, and another one three weeks later. She ended up passing on her

better side one of those times. At 1 month of age we did a brainstem auditory evoked response (BAER) test, but they only tested her worse ear.

We were referred to an ENT who started talking about a hearing aid for her profound side. They also found mild-moderate loss on the other side. It is unknown if she had always been mild-moderate on that side.

With the help of the audiologist, we decided to give her two hearing aids even though she had profound loss and we weren't sure if there was any way she could hear out of the profound ear. Later we had an MRI done in part to evaluate eligibility for a cochlear implant. It doesn't appear that she has an auditory nerve on the profound side at all. In her mild-moderate ear her nerve is very small or potentially atrophied. She is unlikely to be a candidate for a cochlear implant.

Our daughter continues to wear hearing aids bilaterally. We also have a Roger system through Early On. This is a microphone that the teacher wears and her voice is amplified above other environmental sounds in our daughter's aids.

It has been difficult collecting information. There is a lot of information on single-sided deafness, and a lot on mild loss, but not on the mix of the two. Even though she has verbal understanding at times, she won't be able to access speech in all hearing environments, so we are trying very hard to use sign language. We are interested in giving her both languages: English and American Sign Language. It will be good to be able to use both in school or in less than ideal hearing conditions. At 14 months old, she can already sign to us what she wants to eat and when she needs a diaper change! We are looking forward to our next step for her: evaluating schools to help with language!

Family Well-Being Guide

Supporting Child and Family Well-Being During the COVID-19 Emergency

We all have a collective responsibility to make sure kids are healthy, safe, and thriving – especially during challenging times. Parents and other caregivers are their children's most important protectors and may need extra support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Family Well-Being Guide - April 2020](#)

Challenges to EHDI Systems Amid the COVID-19 Crisis

[The Hearing Journal article on challenges to EHDI systems during COVID-19](#)

Newborn Hearing Screening Results

[1st Quarter 2020 - Newborn Hearing Screening Data](#)

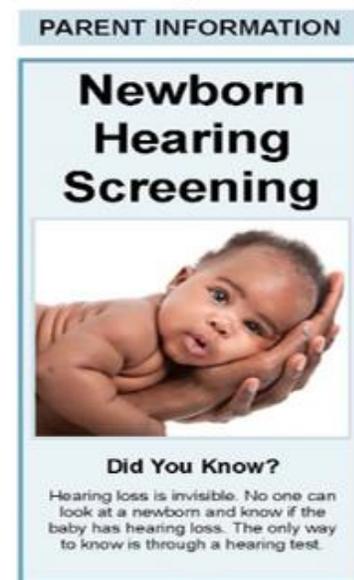
What's New with EHDI?

2020 Updated Brochures Now Available

The EHDI Brochure for families has been revised with updated photos to reflect safe sleep environments.

Please Note: the English brochures are now packaged in units of 100.

See the order form on the next page of the newsletter.



EHDI Order Form

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Michigan Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program Order Form

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Please fax order form to 517-763-0183

	<p>Michigan's Newborn Hearing Screening Program Brochure A parent brochure explaining the hearing screening process. The content is in a question and answer format coupled with a developmental milestone schedule.</p>	<p># of packages: 100 for English; 50 for Spanish & Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> English-0474 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish-0474s <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic-0474a</p>
	<p>Hearing Screening Results Crib Card For birth hospitals to document the newborn hearing screen results for families and provide information on language development.</p>	<p># of packages: 100 per package <input type="checkbox"/> English-1223 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish-1223s <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic-1223a</p>
	<p>Services for Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing: A Guide for Families and Providers-68 pages For providers and families of children with hearing loss, provides information on hearing loss, communication options, early intervention and state and national resources.</p>	<p># of packages: one per package <input type="checkbox"/> English-0376 <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish-0376s</p>
	<p>Michigan Hands & Voices™ Guide By Your Side Brochure™ 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.</p>	<p># of packages: 50 per package <input type="checkbox"/> English-1411</p>
	<p>Michigan Hands & Voices™ Brochure An organization dedicated to non-biased 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.</p>	<p># of packages: one per package <input type="checkbox"/> English</p>
	<p>Loss & Found DVD 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. <i>Note: It is recommended that this video be added to the in-house television loop.</i></p>	<p># of packages: one per package <input type="checkbox"/> English</p>

**EHDI reserves the right to restrict quantity of brochures to hospitals based on birth population/need.*

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