

## **XVII. PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER'S ROLE**

To make the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program function effectively, the cooperation of many health care disciplines are required. The infant's primary care provider plays a critical role in the entire process. Responsibilities include:

- Receive results from the initial screen from birthing facility.
- Confirm at the first well baby visit that the infant has received the initial hearing screen.
- If an infant has not received the initial hearing screen by the first well baby visit, refer the responsible party back to the facility of birth, or other appropriate screening facility, where the screening can be conducted.
- Refer infants (who refer from the initial screens) to a pediatric audiologist for an audiological evaluation. The infant's accession number (used for newborn laboratory screening) is to be forwarded to the audiologist along with the referral.
- Receive results from pediatric audiologists for any follow-up diagnostic testing conducted.
- Ensure that any infant with an identified hearing loss is referred to the Connecticut Birth to Three System for a developmental evaluation and assessment.
- Assist the family in accessing other support and advocacy services as needed.