Empowering Families through a Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side and EHDI Collaboration

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Presentation Overview
Empowerment

• To enable; to grant power
  – A parent’s journey towards becoming empowered

• Can empowerment be expedited?
  – Telling, inviting, including, encouraging, allowing, bringing in, supporting

Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program
The Opposite of Empowerment

• Can empowerment be thwarted?
  – Constraining, discouraging, prohibiting, forbidding, holding back, excluding, obstructing, disabling, doing for someone what they can do for themself
EHDI Workflow
Barriers to the GBYS and EHDI Collaboration

• Sharing of child-centric information from EHDI to GBYS and solutions

• Reporting of data from GBYS to EHDI and solutions
Parent-to-Parent Support in EHDI

• EHDI Parent Consultants
  – Make approximately 600 contacts per month through phone calls and letters to families, physicians, audiologists, hospitals, early intervention
Parent-to-Parent Support in EHDI

- EHDI Parent Consultant
  - Daily work
  - Other contributions
  - Impact
Guide By Your Side Data
Sept 09-Dec 10

• 151 diagnosed families contacted by GBYS Coordinator
• 104 families enrolled in GBYS
• 675 total contacts with the Program Coordinator and Parent Guides
Parent-to-Parent Support in EHDI

• GBYS Program Coordinator
  – Daily work
  – Other Contributions
  – Impact

• GBYS Parent Guides
  – Guide activities
  – Impact
Impact of Hands & Voices’ GBYS on the EHDI Process

• GBYS impacts EHDI follow-up by
  – Encouraging earlier audiology follow-up
  – Supporting families through the diagnostic process and enrollment in intervention
  – Allowing families to tell and have their own story
Impact of Hands & Voices GBYS on the EHDI Process

• Providing data related to long-term follow-up on diagnosed families

• Participating and providing a parent perspective in EHDI Program development of protocols, initiatives, materials

• Planning, administering, and evaluating the annual EHDI Family Conference
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