



# EHDI E-MAIL EXPRESS

This is an e-mail communication from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) "Improving the Effectiveness of Newborn Hearing Screening, Diagnosis and Intervention through the Medical Home" project. It is designed to provide AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Chapter Champions with resources and current clinical and other information. The EHDI E-Mail Express is sent on a monthly basis. Please feel free to share the EHDI E-Mail Express with colleagues working on or interested in childhood hearing detection and intervention issues. Distribution information appears at the end of this e-mail.

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## 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL EHDI CONFERENCE

Don't forget the 10th annual National EHDI Conference is just a few months away! Check that you have saved the dates for February 20–22, 2011 to be in Atlanta for this memorable event. Additional information and a preliminary draft agenda is available at <http://ehdiconference.org/>.



## REGISTER TODAY: AG BELL LSL WORKSHOP SERIES

AG Bell is hosting its first Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) workshop series on December 13–14 in Oak Brook, IL. The workshop is designed for professionals to build foundational knowledge about hearing loss and to develop strategies that will support an infant or child who is deaf and listens, learns, and talks with the help of assistive hearing technologies. Continuing education credits are available. To register and learn more visit: <http://nc.agbell.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=348>.

## SPOTLIGHT

- ◆ National EHDI Conference
- ◆ AG Bell LSL Workshop Series
- ◆ Cochlear Implants Symposium
- ◆ Highlights from AAP EHDI Task Force Meeting
- ◆ Available HRSA Publication
- ◆ November Inspiration

## 13TH SYMPOSIUM ON COCHLEAR IMPLANTS IN CHILDREN

Mark your calendars for the 13th Symposium on Cochlear Implants in Children to be held July 14–16, 2011 in Chicago, IL! "Children achieving their full potential" is the theme of this upcoming conference. The goal is to facilitate interdisciplinary learning to develop the professional knowledge necessary for deaf children to achieve their full communication, academic and social potential. The Children's Memorial Hospital, an affiliate of the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and the Northwestern University Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery are hosting this conference. Visit <http://www.ci2011usa.com/> for more information.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AAP TASK FORCE ON IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HEARING SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND INTERVENTION MEETING

The AAP Task Force on Improving the Effectiveness of Hearing Screening, Diagnosis, and Intervention convened on November 14–15 for their annual in-person meeting. Highlights from the 1 ½ day meeting are noted below:

- There are three new task force members, Drs Martin Beals (AK), Brad Golner (AZ), and Debra Waldron (IA)
- Dr Charles Bower, liaison from the AAP Section on Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery has joined the Task Force
- The primary focus of the meeting was strategic planning for the future of the EHDI program
- A portion of the meeting was dedicated to looking at the Vision of Pediatrics 2020 and thinking about the profession of pediatrics in respect to the anticipated megatrends as follows:
  1. Clinical and societal demographic of the patient population
  2. Advances in information technology applied to health care and pediatrics
  3. Advances in medical knowledge, diagnostics and treatment
  4. Form of the healthcare delivery system
  5. Consumer driven nature of society and healthcare
  6. Workforce in the profession of pediatrics
  7. Impact of Disasters (natural, environmental, man-made)
  8. Global Child Health and Pediatrics)
- Discussions focusing around loss to follow and lost to documentation (LTF/D) in the context of a new workgroup that has been convened tasked with exploring the role of the medical home in addressing hearing screening LTF/D issues
- The role of health information technology (HIT) was also examined and will continue to be prioritized
- Updates on the AAP newborn screening quality improvement initiatives were provided
- Issues around screening/rescreening in the pediatric office setting were also discussed and will be examined further

The Task Force will continue to address the above through quarterly conference calls and regular e-mail communication.

## FEATURED PUBLICATION AVAILABLE AT THE HRSA INFORMATION CENTER



### America's Children in Brief: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2010

This report, a summary version of the America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being report to be published in 2011, provides an easily accessed compilation of selected well-being indicators drawn from the most reliable official statistics produced by 22 Federal Government agencies. It organizes background measures and well-being indicators into seven sections: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education, and health. The report includes tables, figures, and references. To order this publication: use inventory code MCH00312, call 1-888-Ask-HRSA, log onto our Web site <http://www.ask.hrsa.gov>, or send an e-mail message to [ask@hrsa.gov](mailto:ask@hrsa.gov).

## NOVEMBER INSPIRATION

*"Children with hearing loss, with their family's support, can achieve their language, academic, and psychosocial potential when they receive timely and appropriate early intervention services. Success is within reach."*

—Anne Marie Tharpe, PhD, CCC-A  
Professor at the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center