



EHDI E-MAIL EXPRESS

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DECEMBER 2010

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS THE EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION (EHDI) ACT OF 2010

On Thursday, December 22, President Obama signed the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Act of 2010 (H.R. 1246/S. 3199). The bill, which was passed earlier this month by the Senate, was passed by the House on December 15. The legislation reauthorizes and expands EHDI legislation passed nearly 10 years ago, increasing state funding for follow-up services to ensure that babies initially identified with a potential hearing loss receive full diagnostic evaluations and, if necessary, are enrolled in early intervention programs. The act also promotes culturally sensitive family support services.



SPOTLIGHT

PROMOTE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH WITH TEXT FOR BABIES

Text4baby is a free national information service designed to promote maternal and child health. An educational program of the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (HMHB), text4baby provides pregnant women and new moms with information to help them care for their health and give their babies the best possible start in life. This text-based system includes several messages about newborn screening.

Women who sign up for the service by texting BABY to 511411 (or BEBE in Spanish) will receive free SMS text messages each week, timed to their due date or baby's date of birth. They will receive the texts until their baby turns one year old.

More information can be found at: <http://www.text4baby.org/>.

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2011 EHDI CONFERENCE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANTONIA BRANCIA MAXON AWARD FOR EHDI EXCELLENCE

A second call for nominations for the Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence went out last week. The deadline to submit nominations is January 15, 2011. This award honors the work of Dr. Antonia Brancia Maxon to promote effective Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs for all newborns, infants, and young children. Dr. Maxon was a pioneer in EHDI programs, beginning with her leadership in the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Project in the late 1980's. She was one of the first to recognize the feasibility and value of universal newborn hearing screening and was a tireless advocate for connecting screening programs with timely and appropriate diagnosis and early intervention.

Nominations for the **Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence** should be made in the form of a letter or email and sent to Karl White at karl.white@usu.edu or mailed to (Attention: Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence):
National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management
Utah State University
26150 Old Main Hill
Logan, Utah 84322-2880

Nominations should be limited to no more than 500 words and should describe:

- The noteworthy accomplishment that led to the improvement of EHDI programs in a particular state or region.
- How this accomplishment demonstrates significant creativity or initiative.
- The specific ways in which the activity contributed to EHDI excellence.

Presentation of the award will be made at the National EHDI Conference in Atlanta, Georgia on February 21, 2011. More about the conference, including past nominees and recipients can be found at www.ehdiconference.org.

DECEMBER INSPIRATION

Happy holidays from the American Academy of Pediatrics. May you have peace of mind...prosperity through the year...happiness that multiplies...health for you and yours...fun around every corner...energy to chase your dreams...and joy to fill your holidays!

It's all about the kids



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