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Why is Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Important?

- At 3/1000, hearing loss is the most common disorder screened in the newborn period and one of the most cost effective to treat.*
- When infants with a hearing loss are given appropriate intervention by 6 months of age, their language skills are significantly better than those diagnosed later.*
- Only half of children born with a hearing loss exhibit a risk factor so it is important that all children are screened at birth.*

* Newborn and Infant Hearing Screening Fact Sheet, American Academy of Pediatrics.



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Technical Assistance :

Is your local hospital or community in need of technical assistance in providing follow-up and management services for early hearing detection in newborns? Local physicians and audiologists are available to help you through conference calls or site visits. Please contact 610-520-3671 or visit www.paaap.org for more information.

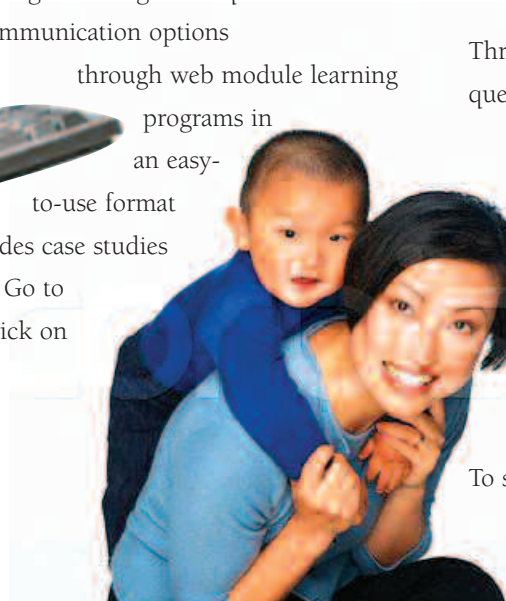


Web Module:

Learn about

- The importance of early hearing detection and intervention
- Hearing screening techniques
- Communication options

through web module learning programs in an easy-to-use format that includes case studies and review questions. Go to www.paaap.org and click on the EHDI icon for more information.



Physician Education:

The EPIC-EHDI program is available to come to your local hospital. This free program offers CME/CEU credits and is conducted by a physician, audiologist, parent advocate, and a representative from the PA Department of Health.

Through the presentation, we will answer your questions, including:

- How does this problem affect your patients?
- What are physician's roles and responsibilities in this effort?
- How is the EHDI program structured in PA?
- What does the future hold for early hearing detection?

To schedule a presentation call 610-520-3671

Remember these important steps for optimum results:

1 by one month

- Every newborn should have a hearing screen by one month of age.

3 by three months

- Children who fail their first screen should be rescreened by 3 months of age.

6 by six months

- When necessary, children should begin early intervention services by 6 months of age.