

Suggestions for an EHDl Stakeholder COVID-19 Discussion

Meeting Purpose: Your meeting purpose may vary and will influence who the stakeholders are. These discussion suggestions are intended to help EHDl systems develop a plan of ensuring that babies are screened, diagnosed, and enrolled in EI during the COVID-19 pandemic and as your state moves toward recovery and re-opening. Additionally, this discussion will most likely be ongoing as the situation shifts and it may be more appropriate to break it up over multiple discussions.

Some potential discussion outcomes are:

- Exploring OP screening opportunities for initial screen due to increased number of home birth babies
- Increasing resources for outpatient rescreening as a result of no OP screening during lock down
- Determining where open appointments are available for diagnostic ABR sedated or unsedated
- Determining how to prioritize keeping up vs catching up for diagnostic appointments

Who are the best stakeholders to involve?

Considerations:

- Who is willing to be involved?
- Who is responsive to requests?
- Who sends consistent reports?
- Who will make the greatest impact?
- Who has access to potentially needed resources?

Possible Attendees:

- EHDl Coordinator
- Other EHDl or organizational staff including follow up staff
- Healthcare providers (AAP chapter champions, other involved providers)
- Midwives
- Community screeners such as Early Head Start, Home Visitors and others
- Pediatric audiologists
- Part C representatives
- Parent leaders
- Hospital screeners or screening coordinators (especially outsourced providers)

<p>What information do we have now?</p>	<p>Pre-Meeting</p>	<p>Disseminate relevant data and information to stakeholders (include comparisons with previous data if possible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % of initial screens completed • % of second screen (both inpatient and outpatient) • # or % of home births • Refer rates by hospital • # or %of babies waiting for a diagnostic appointment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Unsedated -Needs anesthesia/sedation • Referral process • Average time from referral to IFSP date
	<p>Meeting Discussion</p>	<p>Screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we have enough info to know where we are? • Where are things going well, where are the bottlenecks? • What is happening with the initial screen? • What is happening with follow up or outpatient screen? • Have some facilities been able to develop safe ways to offer follow-up screening? • When are babies getting discharged? • If state has 1-stage screening, who is helping to facilitate the family into dx follow up? • What is the status of homebirths in our state? How were homebirths hearing screening handled pre-COVID? Is there an anticipated increase in number of homebirths? How would an increase hearing screening and follow up? • Are there trends we are seeing happening throughout the state? <p>Diagnosis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we have enough info to know where we are? • Where are things going well, where are the bottlenecks? • What is the status of pediatric audiology clinics/audiology offices? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open/closed/limited

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Time to next available appointment ● Have some facilities been able to develop safe ways to offer diagnostics? ● How are referrals to EI being handled?
		<p>Early Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do we have enough info to know where we are? ● Where are things going well, where are the bottlenecks? ● How is the referral to EI being affected? ● How is enrollment or the development of IFSPs being affected?
		<p>Family support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do we have enough info to know where we are? ● Where are things going well, where are the bottlenecks? ● Who is making and maintaining contact with parents after initial screen or if the newborn didn't receive a screening? ● Who is facilitating the diagnostic appointment? ● What are parents' concerns? ● What is the communication/message about follow up with families?
		<p>Healthcare providers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Do we have enough info to know where we are? ● Where are things going well, where are the bottlenecks? ● Are healthcare providers (peds and family practice docs) looking for hearing screening results? ● Pre-COVID, how many, if any, healthcare providers were proving outpatient screening? Has the number of these screenings reduced or increased and why? ● How are (health care providers) receiving information/guidance about policies in the state? From payor sources? From licensing bodies? Professional associations? ● How are (health care providers) communicating/collaborating with each other? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a communication plan with/among professionals?

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		<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are there additional areas where things are going well? ● What additional services are impacted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transportation? ○ Insurance?
<p>How will we move forward?</p>	<p>COVID-19 Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the timeframe expected for addressing additional demand and catch up? ● What additional data do we need to make good decisions, how will we get and use that data? ● What are existing resources that can help us move forward quickly? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are their providers who can increase their focus on pediatric patients? ○ Are there alternative screening options (e.g., pediatricians, midwives, community screeners)? ● How do we know what audiology clinics and healthcare practices are open? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How will they prioritize patients? ● What strategies are there to increase the number of available appointments (e.g., extended hours during evenings or weekends, dedicated pediatric days)? ● Who needs additional communication (e.g., parents, physicians, midwives) and what messages are needed? ● How can we adequately address parent concerns? ● As families move toward follow up appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How are practices (e.g., audiology offices, healthcare providers) reassuring the safety of their patients? ○ How will transportation be handled safely? 	