The newborn population in some notable ways. It's important to point out that birth is different directions you could take.

And this can be grown in many different ways over time for many potential starting points. This is about being strategic about how we can start expanding EHDI to include the newborn population.

You are not currently expected to implement a universal screening program for all children up to three years of age. This suggests a yet to be defined period of expansion and a yet to be mentioned expectation. So let's start by trying to increase our ability to screen and identify hearing loss.

We wanted to offer this webinar as an opportunity to share our experience in the area of hearing loss screening and the potential ways you could extend this work. Recognizing that there are a variety of questions about this expanded expectation and that's kind of an obvious question.

But again I want to encourage you to watch for this upcoming clarification because it will be helpful with that question. And then your plan might go.

The topic of this webinar is expanding EHDI to include children who are deaf or hard of hearing up to the age of three. As you are probably already aware, the reauthorization of the early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI) program expands the scope of EHDI to include the identification of children who are deaf or hard of hearing up to three years of age. Not to the question.

So for about 20 years, this birth to three age group is different from what the EHDI program was once focused on. The ECHO initiative which stands for the early childhood hearing outreach initiative is an example of what could be done.

And we learned a lot and want to share what we can that may be helpful to you as you think about this expansion in your respective states. There has been a request from the office of Head Start to start up staff to implement evidence-based hearing screening and learning practices.

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lay individuals conducting the screenings. Keeping in mind we will likely be talking about screening op
three population. We're reviewing this but just to let you know, we'll try and work arou

Just a quick note, I've had some jets going over so hopefully that won't happen while

>> Thank you, William.

Everyone this is Terry Foust, he's a pediatric audiologist, speech language pathologist

Now that expansion is going to take time and resources, but there are many children

This underscores the importance of the reauthorization of EHDI Act of 2017 which

It comes as a surprise I think to a lot of parents and even professionals that even

Currently there is no uniform system whereby young children continue to receive

We can't just stop at newborn hearing screening and expect that all young children who

So let me take a moment to share how we like to discuss this and know that this

Obviously newborn hearing screening is an excellent way to identify congenital hearing loss in newborns.

We as a nation have invested heavily in the provision – some might say as important as

It's not just the absence of early childhood hearing loss that can be identified at birth through the newborn screening process. In fact, it's also critical to begin to consider screening young children to identify early childhood hearing loss. If we use that as the rationale for newborn hearing screening, that rationale is equally as

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part of which is noticing and even celebrating words that children first start to utter and

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Many of you already know but for those of you that don't, I want to take a moment and talk about what hearing screening method is recommended for use with this birth to

Keeping in mind we will likely be talking about screening opportunities where it will be le
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That evaluation is then used to determine if the child meets the state's definition of having a developmental delay or disability and to determine if the child is eligible for intervention services. Since part C of IDEA stipulates that hearing be concluded in the evaluation, this can provide a teaching point at which the term hearing loss is identified. Often without anyone necessarily explicitly suspecting a hearing loss. Let's take a look at Head Start. Head Start is another program found in every state that includes a hearing screening requirement for children being served. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. The overarching program title Head Start actually includes several population-specific programs including Head Start sometimes casually referred to as regular Head Start, early Head Start, and the Head Start Home Visit Initiatives. These are most relevant to the EHDI programs and those are the ones you see identified here. Early Head Start is another program found in every state that includes a hearing screening requirement for children being served. While considerable investment in training and TA has been made during the past two decades to help early head start programs adopt OAE screening, not all programs have done so. This is often due to those that either have not required ongoing training and technical assistance to maintain those practices. The importance of follow up.

So to your point, you might want to plan your activities in advance to ensure that you are providing ongoing training and support for those who will be doing the screening. Even after the training, turnover is a very big issue. Keep in mind our goal is to give you some ideas of different kinds of activities you could incorporate. So you might want to have a look at those things. So we've got ready to use handouts, short video clips and even an outreach survey that you could disseminate to early childhood programs if you wanted to. It's right there. So be sure to check those out and you'll find them on our website right here.

An important first step that perhaps you could help with is to complete a set of planning activities and decide where the needs of participants and that arrangements have been put in place that will permit the timely sharing of information. Outreach activities can often include providing and gathering information about current hearing screening practices. These may reside in local health departments, school districts, head start programs. There are any number of potential partnerships you could incorporate into your plan including partnering with local Health Departments, school districts, home visiting programs, or health care settings. And what results will be shared with the EHDI program and how? How will results be shared with parents or others? How will outcomes be documented in children tracked? Which children will be screened, when, where, and by which staff? Let's go over quickly some strategies that could be helpful. For children up to three years of age. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. And what results will be shared with the EHDI program and how? How will results be shared with parents or others? How will outcomes be documented in children tracked? Which children will be screened, when, where, and by which staff? As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services. As a federally funded program, Head Start promotes school readiness for children in low-income families by offering educational, nutritional, health, and social services.
Thank you everybody. And thank you, Terry, for your time and expertise as always. Again a shout...

If you could go to the chat, click on that link and it will give you a chance to give us...

Before you sign off in the chat there is an...

And there are print documents as well that correspond with this that you'll find there.

Yes, we have been asking HRSA whether they were going to provide any additional...

Someone is asking about the clarification from HRSA if I could say that...

Any other questions?

Well we really appreciate the time that you're all giving to this and want...

Any other questions or comments before we sign off for today?

So keep your eye on this.

Next week's ahead.

They are going to be issuing some kind of additional clarification about all of this in the...

But if you want to look at the protocol, now you know where it is.

In the Head Start world, screening typi...

But maybe now as I look at your question you are asking more globally about how often...

high rate of middle ear conditions, we re...

But basically when children don't pass the initial screening given that there is a fairly...

Head Start settings for that follow up.

>> It's under screening resources, the second one down there.

>> I cannot either, William.

>> Yeah.

We are looking at how we can apply this to as many children as...

So we have to kind of take off those diagnostician hats and look at it in that kind of...

We are looking at the efficiency of finding the most children in the most efficient...

But we're looking at the efficiency of finding the most children in the most efficient...

Somebody made a comment, Terry, that you may want to think about and respond to. I think it would be useful to say OAE screenings rule out mild hearing loss.

>> Oh probably, right.

But if you want to look at the protocol, now you know where it is.

We can apply that to... .