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EHD State and Territorial Profiles West Virginia

This profile includes information about a state or territorial EHD program related to general program information, hearing screening, re-screening and diagnostic evaluations, early intervention, and the EHD data system.

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Category and Questions	Information
General Program Information	
Official name of the state/territory Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHD) program	HEAR WV: West Virginia Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Project The HEAR WV Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Project provides oversight for the screening of every infant born in West Virginia, follow-up and care coordination through an in-home services program, and referral to Children With Special Health Care Needs services, early intervention and family support programs for those infants identified with hearing loss.
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Legislation regarding newborn hearing screening? If yes, does the legislation mandate or provide funds for newborn hearing screening and follow-up services?	Yes Legislation was passed in 1998 and fully enacted July 1, 2000. Rules related to hearing screening state that (Rules: §16-24-2. Application and Enforcement.2.1. Application.) "This rule applies to all infants born in West Virginia WV mandates that the results of hearing screenings be reported to the EHD program.
State/territory website related to infant/child hearing loss?	No
State/territory CDC/EHD Cooperative Agreement related to hearing screening?	No

State/territory have a Maternal and Child Health Bureau Grant related to hearing screening?	Yes
Participate in a CDC funded research project?	No
Hearing Screening Information	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing screenings?	Yes Any infant delivered at a non-licensed facility, including home births, the physician or other health care provider shall inform the parents of the need to obtain testing within the first month of life.
Primarily responsible in most hospitals for conducting in-hospital hearing screenings?	Nurses Nursing staff trained to provide the screening
Estimated percentage of newborns that are initially screened with OAE or AABR. (Of the newborns that failed the initial screen, estimated percentage that are re-screened in the hospital with OAE or AABR.)	NICU Screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____ % WBN Screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____ % NICU Re-screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____ % WBN Re-screening: OAE_____%; AABR_____ %
State/territory requires parental consent for hearing screening(s) to be done at the time of birth?	<i>No information currently available</i>
What happens if a baby does not pass the initial hearing screening(s)?	If the infant does not pass the initial screenings prior to hospital discharge, the infant is then referred to an audiologist who will first perform an outpatient rescreen to rule out the need for further diagnostic testing. If the infant does not pass the re-screening, then a diagnostic audiological evaluation is performed.
Birthing hospitals/facilities/providers required to report hearing screening results to the state?	Yes Demographic information, number screened, # pass, #not screened, # referred
How birthing hospitals/facilities report hearing screening information to the state/territory	100% of individual-level screening results are received by electronic upload from equipment/software.
Hearing screening results reported to the infant's physician? [If yes, are all results reported or only failed screening?]	<i>No information currently available</i>
Rescreening and Diagnostic Evaluations	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing hearing re-screenings?	<i>No information currently available</i>

State's program guidelines for helping families with third party preauthorization of re-screening or diagnostic evaluations?	<i>No information currently available</i>
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols for performing diagnostic evaluations?	<i>No information currently available</i>
State/territory EHDI program list of audiologic diagnostic centers and audiologists skilled in providing pediatric services to infants?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Number of pediatric audiologists and/or diagnostic centers on the list	<i>No information currently available</i>
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for outpatient hearing re-screenings?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Who is responsible for scheduling appointments for diagnostic audiologic evaluations?	<i>No information currently available</i>
How audiologists report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory	100% of audiological evaluations are reported by paper form.
Guidelines and/or protocols for audiologists to report diagnostic audiological evaluation results to the state/territory?	<p>WV does not mandate that audiological evaluations be reported to the EHDI program.</p> <p>WV seeks to obtain audiological evaluation data for only those children who did not pass their hearing screening,</p> <p>The WV program does your receive audiological evaluations for children with risk factors for hearing loss.</p>
One or more persons on the EHDI staff who are responsible for the follow-up of families who need to return for re-screen, diagnostics, or referral to intervention?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Early Intervention	
Lead agency for the Part C Early Intervention Program	<p>Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Pam Roush, Part C Coordinator</p> <p>pamroush@wvdhhr.org</p>
State/territory written guidelines, and/or protocols for providing intervention services for children with hearing loss?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Eligibility criteria for Part C services for infants and toddlers with hearing loss	<i>No information currently available</i>

Eligibility criteria for Part B services for preschool children with hearing loss	<i>No information currently available</i>
Children with mild or unilateral hearing loss eligible for services under Part C or Part B?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Other public or private programs(s) and services (other than Part C or Part B) that provide intervention services to children with hearing loss	<i>No information currently available</i>
Services such as family support, transportation to follow-up appointments, parent to parent available to families with children with hearing loss? List.	<i>No information currently available</i>
Program receives information regarding whether or not a referred child is receiving Part C services or other intervention services?	No
Intervention programs report other information about children, such as type of intervention, developmental test scores, use of assistive devices?	No
EHDI Data System	
State/territory written guidelines and/or protocols related to the EHDI tracking system?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Type of system program uses to track hearing screening and follow-up information. .	WV uses a "Home grown" system developed by state personnel: Oracle Relational Database System The WV program obtains birth certificate data for all occurrent births. The WV program does not receive individual-level data for ALL hearing screens; 10% of the babies screened are from out of state and only aggregate data is received.
State EHDI tracking system includes data items to identify infants and children with risk factors for hearing loss?	<i>No information currently available</i>
Unique identifier is used to identify infants/children in the state/territory EHDI tracking system	<i>No information currently available</i>
How program addresses de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data	The WV program address de-duplication of screening and diagnostic evaluation data during data entry, software checks for exact matches. If two records belong to the same individual, or if two records have been combined into a single record, it is possible to fix the error without re-entering the data.
EHDI system linked to or integrated	WV has a blended system (e.g., some EHDI data is part of an integrated state

<p>with any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Blood spot card -EBC -Audiology -Early Intervention -Immunizations -Other 	<p>data system, other EHDI data is maintained in a separate data system)</p>
<p>Other EHDI Questions</p>	
<p>State materials/ brochures/ protocols for parents and professionals about the EHDI program. (Link to matrix).</p>	<p>Yes http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi/statesclearinghouse/west_virginia.htm</p>
<p>Agencies, foundations, organizations, or other programs that provide funding for the purchase of any of the assistive devices for children with hearing loss</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Statewide hearing aid loaner program for infants, toddlers, and children with hearing loss?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>
<p>Resources, other than those from the state or territory, available to help families with the costs of caring for an infant, toddler, or child with a hearing loss?</p>	<p><i>No information currently available</i></p>