

Special Topics Teleconferences

Teleconferences on subjects of interest to EHDI programs, professionals, families and supporters are presented through a dedicated Web link and toll-free phone connection. Programs are offered about every other month, usually on Thursdays at 4:00 PM. Exact dates shift to accommodate speaker schedules. In addition, ad hoc sessions are offered on late-breaking issues or when special opportunities arise.

Notices of sessions, including topics, speakers, and access information are sent to the CDC EHDI General Listservs. Free captioning is available for all sessions. There is no pre-registration and no charge to participate, although technological factors may limit the number who can attend a particular session.

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Committees

Data Committee

The CDC Data Committee is made-up of and run by representatives from State and Territorial EHDI programs. The committee is supported by the CDC EHDI program and was set-up to help address data related issues and questions at both the national and program level. A key achievement of the committee was the development of a comprehensive list of EHDI data items and definitions that can be collected through EHDI tracking and surveillance systems. Recent activities have also included providing input into the design of the CDC EHDI Hearing Screening and Follow-up Survey and clarification of the explanations for the data items that are requested by this annual survey.

Data Committee

EHDI-state-data-items@listserv.cdc.gov

Conference Time: **3:00 PM EASTERN**

Chairs:

Kirsten Coverstone, M.A., Audiologist

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Third Thursday every other month (In 2011: April, June, August, October, December)*

* *Schedules subject to change or recess for certain months. Please check with chair for latest schedule.*

Executive Committee

Chair: CDC Staff member

The purpose of the Executive Committee will be to: Monitor and track the overall progress of the project, make recommendations for adding, combining, or deleting committees, or recommending additional committee assignments, oversee the development of research questions and analytic plans, promote accurate and scientifically sound presentations and papers, participate in the planning of semi-annual meetings and project teleconferences, make recommendations to CDC for modifications in current and future activities.

Members of the Executive Committee will include one representative from each state and one CDC representative. The state representatives may be the Principal Investigator or Project Director. It should be the person responsible for overall coordination and management of the project.

Executive Committee

EHDI-state-exec-committee@listserv.cdc.gov

Conference Time: **3:00 PM Eastern**

Second Tuesday every other month. (In 2011: April, June, August, October, December)*

Contact: CDC (ehdi@cdc.gov)

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Provider Education Committee

The mission of the Provider Education Committee is to investigate, develop, and share the knowledge base with professionals who work with infants and toddlers within the EHDI process. By increasing the knowledge base of professionals, we intend to promote a partnership with families for optimal outcomes for infants and toddlers within the EHDI process.

Goal 1: Research and collect pertinent EHDI materials and resources for providers' use.

Goal 2: Develop provider centered EHDI materials and resources that will facilitate a partnership with families.

Goal 3: Publicize and make accessible comprehensive EHDI educational materials and resources.

Chair:

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Time: **1:00 PM Eastern**

Second Thursday of the month*

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Parent to Parent Subcommittee

This subcommittee assesses and responds to the needs of families/caretakers of children with possible or confirmed hearing loss. Projects include developing printed educational materials on common caretaker questions as well as making recommendations for content to be included in websites or presentations. The committee includes parents of children with hearing loss, although this is not a requirement for membership.

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Parent to Parent Subcommittee

Time: **2:00 PM Eastern**

Third Wednesday of the month*

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Diversity Committee

The purpose of the Diversity Committee is to identify and prioritize the issues and barriers minority populations may face in receiving EHDI services and develop strategies that ensure equal access for all families.

Committee Role:

- Identify the most relevant minority issues within the EHDl process
- Prioritize the EHDl minority issues
- Offer direction and expertise on a long term basis to help EHDl programs to provide culturally sensitive services.
- Promote evidence-based strategies to provide outreach to minority populations
- Raise awareness and open dialogues related to minority issues through different activities (e.g. educational campaigns, newsletters, website, conferences, identification of stakeholders, partnering with minority organizations etc.)
- Identify ways to implement strategies developed by the CDC-EHDl minority committee

Chair:

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Diversity Committee

Conference Time: **1:00 PM Eastern**

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Third Tuesday of the month*

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