

NE-EHDI Program Updates & Action Items

NE-EHDI Advisory Committee October 2020

Power Point slides replacing the meeting due to COVID-19 and to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act

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EHDI Advisory Meeting Changes Due to COVID-19

- **May 2020 Meeting - Postponed**

- Rescheduled for August 2020 and it didn't work out



- **October 2020 Meeting - Canceled**

- Meeting was scheduled at NET. NET informed us they were canceling all external meetings through the end of 2020.
- After discussion with the Chair, Vice-Chair, and DHHS Staff, it was decided it would be best to have a virtual meeting since COVID-19 numbers were rising in Nebraska
- It was determined after many discussions, we wouldn't be compliant with the Open Meetings Act if we would hold a virtual meeting since we didn't have an in-person meeting in the 2020 calendar year
- If an in-person meeting would be held in October, we would need 15 people to attend to meet quorum or the meeting would be canceled. It is hard to plan during COVID with everything so unpredictable, we felt it was best to share Power Point slides with questions for feedback.

EHDI Advisory Meeting Changes Due to COVID-19

- **HRSA Approved to Provide Power Point Slides to Replace the Meeting**
 - **Please complete the survey to provide feedback to NE-EHDI. Survey link is provided in the e-mail.**
- **I want to stress, it is very important to have our advisory meetings with our external partners since you are such a critical component of the success of the EHDI system**
 - We plan to have our scheduled May 13, 2021 meeting in-person at this time
 - The collaboration efforts between NE-EHDI, you, and all of our external partners allows high quality services to be provided for families in Nebraska with children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH), as well as the children themselves. This helps to connect them to the many resources that are available.
 - We will continue to correspond with our external partners through e-mail, phone, and virtual meetings as allowed
- **Thank you again for being a partner with EHDI! We couldn't do our work without you.**



Work Regarding COVID & How it Affected the EHDI Process

- **Info added to NE-EHDI Website** - The information is on the 1st page of the website <http://dhhs.ne.gov/EHDI>



During the current COVID-19 Pandemic, NE-EHDI will continue to follow our current follow-up process of contacting families and medical professionals via e-mail, regular mail, secure e-fax, or phone. We will strive to meet the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH) 1-3-6 recommendations to complete the hearing screen by 1 month of age, to complete the audiologic diagnostic evaluation by 3 months of age, and complete enrollment into early intervention by 6 months of age. However, we understand that there may be delays in the follow-up process during this uncertain time, and we will work with families and professionals to accommodate any changes due to limited access to care.

- NE-EHDI collaborated with the Newborn Screening & Genetics Program to create a COVID-19 & Newborn Screening Guidelines document
 - Resources provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) **and** National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) are listed on the website
- **NE-EHDI added infographic documents to the parent follow-up letter and Primary Care Provider follow-up e-fax letters**

Work Regarding COVID & How it Affected the EHDI Process

Continued...

- **Birthing Facilities continued to conduct inpatient hearing screenings**
 - Information about guidelines during COVID was e-mailed to birthing hospitals March and April 2020
 - In-person meetings were placed on hold
 - We just started conducting meetings again through a virtual platform in Sept 2020
- **Some of the Primary Pediatric Audiologist Clinics remained open, some reduced staff and hours, and some had to close for a period of time.**
 - Started resuming regular hours in July 2020
 - NE-EHDI communicated regularly through e-mail with the Primary Pediatric Audiology Clinics
 - COVID information was included in the biannual newsletter e-mailed in April to all audiologists who see pediatric patients
 - In-person meetings were placed on hold, but we will start scheduling virtual meetings in Nov 2020
- **Education Trainings for PCPs and ENTs about EHDI and Newborn Hearing were placed on hold**
 - We will resume when our partners can fit into their busy schedules

Work Regarding COVID & How it Affected the EHDI Process

Continued...

- **Members of the NE-EHDI Team helped with State Contact Tracing**
 - **Brenda** (End of April and beginning of May) and **MeLissa** (End of April – June)
- **Met weekly with other State EHDI Programs to share information and ideas**
 - Started the end of March through April and then met every other week in June and July 2020
- **More follow-up work has been needed from the NE-EHDI Team**
 - Average working queue went from 90 - 100 cases up to 200 cases weekly
 - Currently down to about 120 cases weekly
 - Reasons for increase in follow-up work:
 - There were babies discharged from the birth hospital before 24 hours, resulting in higher refer rates and fewer opportunities for a 2nd screen prior to discharge
 - Audiology clinics had reduced hours, were closed, or parents didn't feel comfortable taking their infant to the appointment

Advisory Committee Member Status

- **30 Voting Member Capacity**
- **Currently have 29 Voting Members**
 - See details about members at <http://dhhs.ne.gov/EHDIEarly%20Hearing%20Detection%20and%20Intervention/ROSTER%2010-2018.pdf>
- **New members:**
 - Jessica Hoss, Parent
 - Mark Anderson, Nebraska Association of the Deaf
 - Carlena Conard, York General Hospital
 - Brad Czaplewski, Educational Service Unit (ESU) #10
 - Anne Thomas, Coordinator of UNL Deaf Education Program



EHDI Annual Meeting March 2020 in Kansas City



NE-EHDI Received the National Website of the Year Award

MeLissa Butler is the NE-EHDI Website Specialist. She has worked hard with the input of ALL the NE-EHDI Team and external partners to have an informative and user friendly website.

We are always looking for ways to improve, so please let us know if you would like to see any info added or changed to the website.

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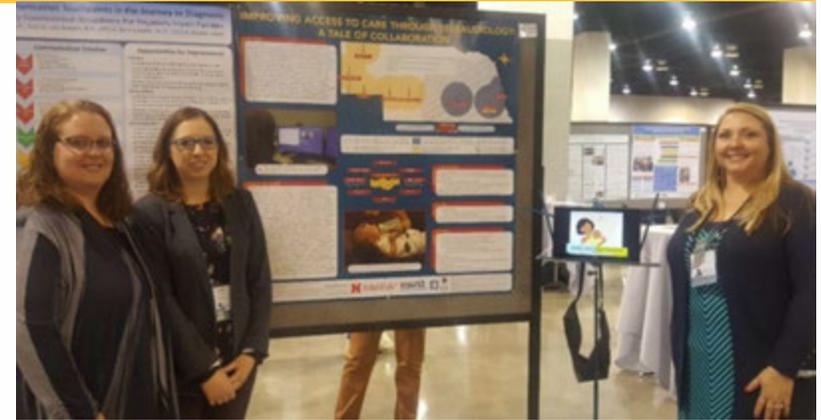
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EHDI Annual Meeting March 2020 in Kansas City

- MeLissa Butler, Dr. Hannah Ditmars (UNL Barkley), and Sara Peterson (ESU#13) partnered to present a poster about Nebraska Tele-Audiology
 - Tele-Audiology timeline
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHPyeQm_q5k
- Brenda Coufal presented the Nebraska Newborn Hearing Hospital Champion Program at the Coordinator Meeting
- The NE-EHDI Team facilitated a Nebraska Stakeholder Meeting to provide information about the work NE-EHDI is doing and asked for input on future work
 - We were excited to have 17 people attend (number attended didn't include the EHDI Team)
- Sponsored three parents to attend the meeting – Their experiences are shared on the next slides



Parent Representative - Victoria Gaughen

Annual EHDI Meeting in Kansas City

Being a parent of a child with Special Needs can feel very lonesome. Attending the Annual EHDI Meeting in Kansas City in March gave me an overwhelming feeling of hope, community and belonging. So many parents from so many different places sharing the shared struggles, joys and and sense fellowship.

Coming from a community that does not seem to offer many resources to support the deaf and hard of hearing - I LOVED getting to meet many professionals that were so passionate about creating equality and awareness.

Victoria G- Fremont NE



Parent Representative - Victoria Gaughen

Annual EHDI Meeting in Kansas City

I greatly appreciated learning from the EHDI conference, the terminology around the deaf and hard of hearing community. Even expanding the community to “deaf and hard of hearing” was a change for me and I am glad that I do now! I learned more about what it means to be Deaf Plus, impated, aided, etc.

I am very proud of our NE families who presented at the conference. As a parent of a young child with hearing loss, I seek out young adults who can share their experiences. It means So much to me. I know that it was a pivotal session for many in attendance. You go girls!

Victoria G- Fremont NE

COVID19 has brought more attention to the deaf community - and I'm grateful for that! So many people took notice of the “other person” standing beside their governor, interpreting pandemic updates.

Even I've took more effort in encouraging using closed captioning as much as possible. Every moment can be a teachable moment!

And let's not forget the clear face masks for our service providers, teachers, and other essential staff.

Parent Representative - Victoria Gaughen

Annual EHDI Meeting in Kansas City

Victoria G- Fremont NE

I've created friendships from across the state that I would not have otherwise had - continuing to build our village!



Also, Kansas City BBQ is amazing

I would have loved for my husband and I to go. And of course, my daughter, she would have had a blast! And come to think of it, really everyone I know could have benefited from this experience but I think that is my responsibility now to help teach!

It really is hard to sum up everything I learned from this conference. I do want to express my deepest thanks. It was truly a pleasure. I can say now, after this experience, I have been moved to become an even stronger advocate for my daughter and other special needs families in my community.

Parent Representative - Victoria Gaughen



Thank you!!!



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Parent Representative – Aaron Thompson

Aaron's Conference Experience

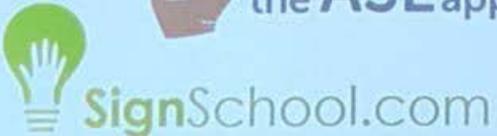
- ▶ Truly enjoyed all aspects of the conference... plan to attend again.
- ▶ Meeting other Parents, Professionals, and Vendors
 - ▶ Parents that truly understand your problems.
 - ▶ Professionals that helped me find resources.
 - ▶ Vendors that I use today, that I have actually met in person.
- ▶ Increased Deaf cultures awareness.

Parent Representative – Aaron Thompson

we have any questions so far?
use].

Resources for further development

Sign up for
Routine-based handouts
and ASL for professional
practices for
SLP
Aud
TOD
Doctors, etc.



Parent Representative – Aaron Thompson

Aaron's Parents Leadership Learning Party Day

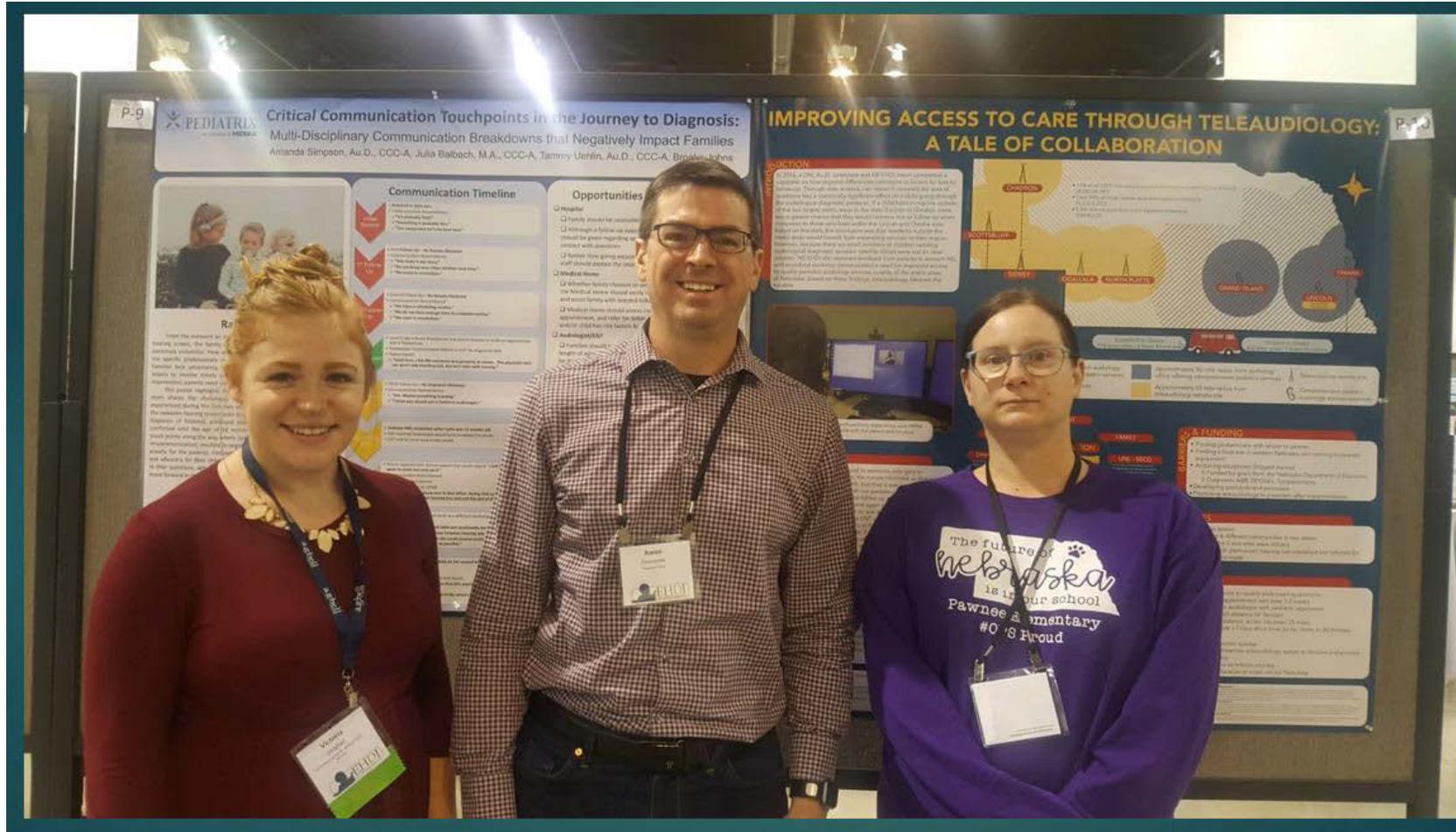
- ▶ It was not a party 😊 rather an opportunity to laugh, talk about our own experiences, and look at how others are fine-tuning similar situations.
 - ▶ Learning sign as an adult
 - ▶ Talking about ways to improve your child's outcome
 - ▶ Self advocacy
 - ▶ Challenged us to do something
- ▶ Still in contact with some of these parents.

Parent Representative – Aaron Thompson

Aaron's Takeaways

- ▶ Work on IT (all the issues associated hearing) everyday.
- ▶ Started something new for awareness.
 - ▶ Implemented sign class at local Daycare after conference.
- ▶ Everyone's path is different.
- ▶ The "Right" resources are sometimes hard to find.

All 3 Parent Representatives – Shared by Aaron Thompson



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Parent Representative – Laura Kautz

Laura Kautz

Mom to Ryan, Ella, and Evan Carr
Ella and Evan were born Deaf.

I was able to really learn and appreciate the 2020 EDHI Meeting in Kansas City.

I attended different lectures and programs and was able to see a deeper view of the Deaf Community advocates and how everyone was working to improved the lives and educational outcome for Deaf children.

One meeting left me sick to my stomach and feeling like I didn't do enough. Another meeting made me feel like I was on the ball and getting it done. (Different presentation styles.) I was amazed at the amount of knowledge and collaboration that was happening.

I was able to take away more knowledge and confidence than I thought was possible. I know my family is unique and what works for some may not work for me. Regardless of differences we all want the same thing. Happy successful children. I am not alone on that quest.



Parent Representative – Laura Kautz

I was able to gain and refine many skills necessary for advocating from the Parent Party.

- 1. I have become a better advocate for Ella and Evan by listening and respecting the children's educational team. Even if what they want something different for the kids than what I do.**
- 2. Being able to voice my concerns without fear of judgement.**
- 3. I was able to complete Evan's Kindergarten transition IEP with no tears and a compromise.**
- 4. I recently emailed the SPED director regarding my personal thoughts of remote learning.**



NE-EHDI Funding Update

IMPORTANT Note

NE-EHDI receives ALL
Federal Funding

NO State Funding

1) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- Reduced all awards from \$250,000 to \$235,000 annually
- New 4 year funding cycle started 4/1/2020

2) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Decreased # of awards – NE-EHDI is very thankful to receive the funding
- Increased amount of awards from \$150,000 to \$160,000
- New 4 year funding cycle started 7/1/2020 – less restrictions on how the funding can be used

3) HRSA Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Title V Block Grant

- Request funding as needed to cover necessary program operation costs

ADDITIONAL FUNDS Received – \$10,000 HRSA COVID Funds to purchase clear masks to be distributed to families of children birth - 3 years of age who are D/HH and to anyone who serves this population. This has been added to the Hands & Voices sub-award agreement to purchase and distribute. Funding needs to be spent by 3/31/2021.

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

- **Family Support Agreements** (collaboration and financial support)
 - **Boys Town for the Parent Roots and Wings Weekend** – February 29 & March 1, 2020
 - Canceled for 2021 due to COVID-19



- **Hands & Voices** – April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 (renewed annually)
 - Separate report is provided for the collaboration work between Hands & Voices and NE-EHDI
- **HearU Nebraska** – April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 (renewed annually)
 - Separate report is provided for the collaboration work between HearU Nebraska and NE-EHDI



NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

- **REVISED Documents to include the 2019 JCIH Position Statement** <http://www.jcih.org/posstatemts.htm>
NE-EHDI website <http://dhhs.ne.gov/EHDI> (To see the following forms specific to NE-EHDI)
 - **NE-EHDI Recommendations for Hospital Protocols and NE-EHDI Summary and Reporting Guidelines for Audiologists document**
 - Revisions to these two documents includes that the screenings in the well-baby nursery (not NICU) may be accomplished via OAE or ABR, with the second screen being conducted using either technology. Re-screening with OAE after not passing an ABR is acceptable with the caveat that a baby with auditory neuropathy will be missed. However, the recommendation to rescreen using ABR technology continues to be the preferred protocol. Please inform parents verbally and in writing that OAE doesn't rule out all types of hearing loss, including auditory neuropathy.
 - The Risk Factors in the NE-EHDI Recommendations for Hospital Protocols were revised to match the 2019 JCIH Recommendations. The risk factors have been separated into 2 categories and have added recommended diagnostic follow-up timelines. **There are too many changes to list, but please go to this link to see the details**
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/EHDIEarly%20Hearing%20Detection%20and%20Intervention/JCIH%202019%20Risk%20Factors%20Table.pdf>
 - **Risk Factor Reporting form**
 - The Risk Factor Reporting form was revised to match the 2019 JCIH Recommendations. This form should be completed for all babies who have at least one risk factor. This allows NE-EHDI to provide information annually up until the child is 3 years of age with parents and the primary care provider about the importance of having appropriate follow-up hearing screenings according to the JCIH recommendation.
 - **NE-EHDI Audiologic Screening and Diagnostic Report form**
 - Revised with red text that states to "Always re-screen both ears and that ABR is required on NICU graduates".

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ **REVISED & NEW** Information added to the NE-EHDI Website

- “Newborn Hearing Screening – Did You Know?” Video
 - The video posted on the NE-EHDI website was revised with the suggested changes discussed at the Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting, which are stated in the meeting minutes and posted on the website. Other dissemination ideas discussed by members will be implemented when possible. Available in English, Spanish & captioned.
- “CMV Stops with Me” Video
 - This video was revised with the suggested changes discussed at the Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting and was then posted on the NE-EHDI website. Changes are stated in the meeting minutes posted on the website. Available in English, Spanish & captioned.
- Newborn Hearing Screening Hospital Champion Program - More details are given in later slides
- COVID-19 Information – The details were discussed in previous slides
- EHDI Family Support Page with all our partners
 - With the leadership of Dr. Stacie Ray, NE-EHDI is also collaborating with UNL Barkley, Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Nebraska Hands and Voices, Early Development Network (EDN), and Regional Programs to produce a “Resources for children who are D/HH” YouTube Video for families and those who provide services to the families and children. The video will be added to the NE-EHDI Family Support page on our website once finished.
- Annual Legislative Report with 2019 Data

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Reports

- CDC Hearing Screening and Follow-up Survey (HSFS) – (NE-EHDI 2018 data submitted December 2019)
 - NE-EHDI 2019 data will be submitted November 2020
- Annual Hospital QA Reports (March/April 2020)
- Report to D/HH Regional Programs Statewide Stakeholders Meetings (April 2020)
- Annual Audiology QA Reports for the Primary Pediatric Audiology Clinics (May 2020)
- Annual Legislative Report with 2019 Data (September 2020)
- Projected HRSA Performance Report (July 2020)
- Federal Financial Reports to HRSA (July 2020) and CDC (September 2020)
- Annual Progress & Performance Reports to HRSA, CDC, and MCH Title V (September & October 2020)
- Report to NE-EHDI Advisory Committee (October 2020)



Other ideas to disseminate EHDI data?

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NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Surveys

1. **Parent Survey to ask if their child who is D/HH is receiving any additional speech and language services outside of EDN Part C Early Intervention (EI)** (June 2020)
 - Requirement of the CDC grant to provide this information
 - NE Hands & Voices (H&V)/Guide by Your Side (GBYS) disseminated the survey link to the families they are serving
 - Twenty-five out of 27 (93%) respondents stated their child, who is D/HH, has received EI services through their school district, also known as the EDN Part C EI
 - Seventeen out of 27 (63%) respondents stated that their child who is D/HH, has received additional speech and language services outside of EDN
 - **After discussing with external partners statewide and reviewing the survey results, it is determined that the families who want EI services utilize EDN, and some families also use private speech and language services in addition to EDN services**
 - NE-EHDI will survey families annually through NE H&V/GBYS program to capture this information
 - As of August 2020 a Business Associates Agreement has been developed with Boys Town to help capture this information

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Surveys continued...

2. Parent Survey about the planning of an upcoming D/HH Role Model or Mentor Program in Nebraska (August 2020)

- Disseminated survey link electronically through –
 - NE H&V/GBYS
 - Regional Programs
 - Merry Spratford who forwarded to the Metro Audiologist list
 - Nebraska Speech Language Hearing Association (NSLHA) forwarded to their list
- Through our sub-award with H&V, we were planning to offer a \$25 Amazon eGift card to the first 50 respondents
 - 61 parents completed the survey the first week, so we gave eGift cards to all of those parents
- **90 parents** have responded at this time (NE-EHDI is accepting surveys through December 15, 2020)



NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Presentations and Meetings

- **MeLissa presented to the Sertoma Club** (March 2020)
- **EHDI Team presented to the UNL Auditory Electrophysiology Class** (April 2020 & will again Oct 2020)
- **Brenda presented to the Nebraska Head Start Association** (April 2020) – will resume discussion Nov 2020



Friendly reminder of HRSA Grant Requirement –

- **Expand our capacity to support hearing screening, diagnosis, and enrollment into EI for those infants who pass a newborn hearing screen but later develop hearing loss up to 3 years of age (data collection and reporting)**
- Early Head Start Programs are interested in partnering
 - **Other ideas of programs or agencies who are providing early childhood hearing screens?**
- Required to develop a plan by **3/31/2022**

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Presentations and Meetings continued...

- **Brenda presented at the virtual NSLHA conference** (September 2020)
- **Hospital Visits/Meetings**
 - EHDI Team started conducting virtual meetings again in September 2020
- **Annual Meetings with the Primary Pediatric Audiologist Clinics**
 - Scheduling virtual meetings November 2020 – March 2021
- **Education Training to Primary Care Providers and ENTs**
 - This has been on hold due to COVID, but plan to start again scheduling virtual meetings when it works with Dr. Zegers' and Dr. Gomes' schedules. NE-EHDI greatly appreciates them partnering with us
 - We will be able to record the next virtual meeting and then can share the information with providers statewide



NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Meetings continued...

- **Friendly reminder of HRSA Grant Requirement – Implement or Expand a D/HH Role Model or Mentor Program**
 - *Using data collected from year 1 as baseline data:*
 - **Increase by 10% the number of families enrolled in D/HH adult-to-family support services by 9 months of age by 3/31/2024**
 - HRSA has no definition for age of adult
 - Required to be a trained adult when serving as a D/HH Role Model or Mentor
- **Organizational Meeting to start planning the D/HH Role Model/Mentor Program**
 - **The Zoom Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2020**
 - Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) is providing the interpreter – Thank you!!
 - The Organizational Meeting date was determined after a survey link was e-mailed to the NE-EHDI Advisory Committee members and to individuals who were suggested from many external partners

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

- **Meetings continued...**

- **Organizational Meeting Information continued...**

- I'm excited to share, at this time the following individuals are interested in helping with this project:

- 29 parents
 - 12 individuals who are D/HH
 - 1 individual who is an advocate for the D/HH and works for the NCDHH
 - 17 deaf educators
 - 3 Audiologists and 1 Audiology Graduate Student



- We understand that not everyone is going to be able to attend the Organizational Meeting and some of the other planning meetings that will start April 2021.

- The notes from all meetings will be sent out to everyone initially contacted about their interest and to everyone who has expressed interest, unless I am informed they no longer want to receive the information.

- After the Organizational Meeting, the next meetings for this work group will be April 2021 – March 2022.

- Surveys will be provided throughout the April 2021 – March 2022 time period for those who can't attend meetings.

NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

- **Meetings continued...**
 - **Parent Meetings** will be scheduled to prioritize the data received from the Parent Survey about their needs and wants for a D/HH Role Model/Mentor Program in Nebraska
 - There will be one meeting each month during January, February, and March 2021
 - There are 15 parents interested in this work group at this time
 - A survey will be sent out to select the best meeting dates and times for the majority of individuals on the work group
 - This information will be shared as we start the planning work group meetings in April 2021



NE-EHDI Updates (since Nov 2019 Advisory Meeting)

■ Newsletter

■ Biannual Newsletter to Audiologists (April 2020)

- Provides EHDI updates, reminders, and asks for program improvement ideas for NE-EHDI



NE-EHDI
Biannual
Audiologist
Newsletter

- The format changed in April 2020 to an easier to read newsletter format that is attached to an e-mail
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/EHDIEarly%20Hearing%20Detection%20and%20Intervention/NE-EHDI%20Audiologist%20Newsletter%20Spring%202020.pdf>

■ Exhibits (limited due to COVID-19)

■ Boys Town Pediatrics Newborn Expo (Virtual July 11)

■ NSLHA Conference

(Open longer since it is virtual 9/14/2020 – 11/30/2020)



HRSA New Requirement for 2020 - 2024

- **Develop a plan to address diversity and inclusion in the EHDI system by 3/31/2022**
 - Ensure NE-EHDI system activities are inclusive of and address the needs of the populations it serves -
 - including geography, race, ethnicity, disability, gender, sexual orientation, family structure, socio-economic status
 - NE-EHDI will make a list of all procedures, forms, letters, brochures, videos, social media, and website to evaluate by December 31, 2020
 - A work group will be established to evaluate each item NE-EHDI has identified to ensure information and procedures are inclusive by December 31, 2020
 - The work group will meet every other month from March 2021 – September 2021
 - The plan will be written October – December 2021
 - The work group will review and revise the plan January – February 2022
 - The plan will be finalized by March 31, 2022
 - The plan will be evaluated and revised as needed April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2024

Additional HRSA Grant Goals for 2020 - 2024

- Continue to improve the 1-3-6 goals
- Reduce Loss to Follow-up/Loss to Documentation
- Continue to allocate 25% of funding for family engagement and family support activities
- Increase by 20% from the year 1 baseline the number of families enrolled in family-to-family support services by 6 months of age by 3/31/2024
- Increase by 10% from year 1 baseline the number of health professionals and service providers trained on key aspects of the EHDI Program by 3/31/2024

Additional CDC Grant Goals for 2020 -2024

▪ **Short-term Outcomes**

- Recipients meet the “Shall” requirements of the CDC EHDI Functional Standards
- Improved collaboration between audiologists and jurisdictional EHDI program
- Increased knowledge and skills among audiologists in the jurisdiction about reporting hearing results

▪ **Intermediate Outcomes**

- More audiologists in the jurisdiction report high quality diagnostic hearing results
- Improved the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of follow-up and intervention enrollment data
- Increased targeted dissemination of information among internal and external stakeholders
- Increased the timely submission of standardized patient-level datasets to CDC (excluding PII)
- Increased standardization and comparability of EHDI follow-up data by CDC at national level

▪ **Long term Outcomes**

- Use of timely patient-level data among EHDI programs for tracking and to inform decision making
- Increased the number of infants who receive a diagnosis no later than 3 months of age
- Increased enrollment in Early Intervention services no later than 6 months of age, for infants who are D/HH

Work Suggested at Past Meetings & Still Want to Pursue

- **The EHDI Team has not had time to work on these ideas, but we still have on our to do list and will work on these as time allows**
 - **Discuss collaboration ideas with the state Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Program**
 - **Children's Physicians Newsletter** (This is sent to all Children's Medical Clinics every 2 weeks)
 - **EHDI partner with an ENT and/or Audiologist to discuss EHDI during Grand Rounds at Hospitals**
 - **Lincoln Public Schools Special Education Program Meeting** (held twice a year)

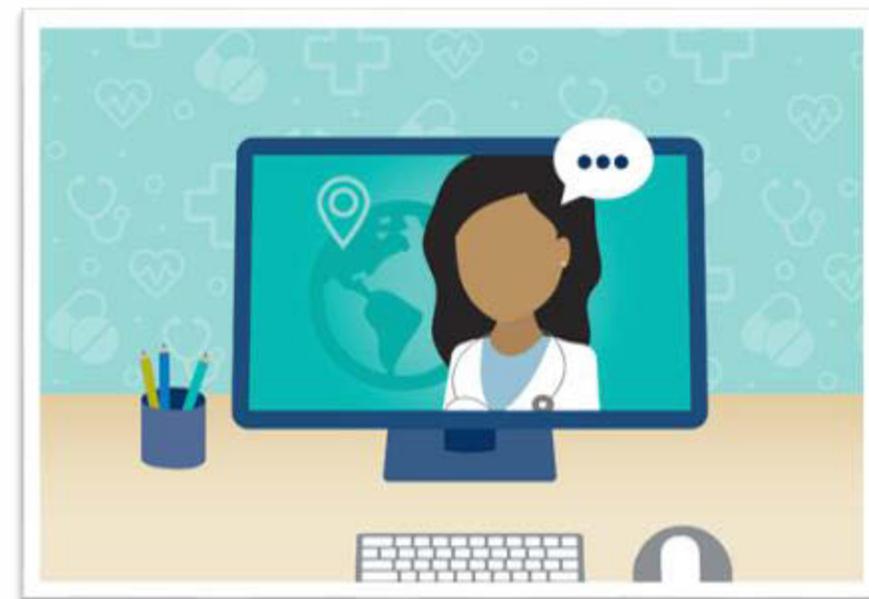
IDEAS for other collaborations?



2021 National Annual EHDI Meeting

- It is scheduled to be in Cincinnati, Ohio February 28 – March 2, 2021
- NE-EHDI submitted a poster abstract – “Nebraska Newborn Hearing Hospital Champion Program”
- The planning committee will determine by the end of October if the meeting will be in-person, virtual, or canceled
 - We have heard they are leaning towards a virtual meeting with some modifications
 - If it is held in-person, NE-EHDI may not be able to attend if DHHS has travel restrictions
- If it is a virtual meeting, there will be less expenses for parent scholarships. This will allow NE-EHDI to offer more parents the opportunity to attend.
 - It may be hard to find parents who want to attend if it is an in-person meeting
 - We will be sending information to you to spread the word regarding the parent scholarship(s) if the meeting is not canceled

Tele- Audiology Update



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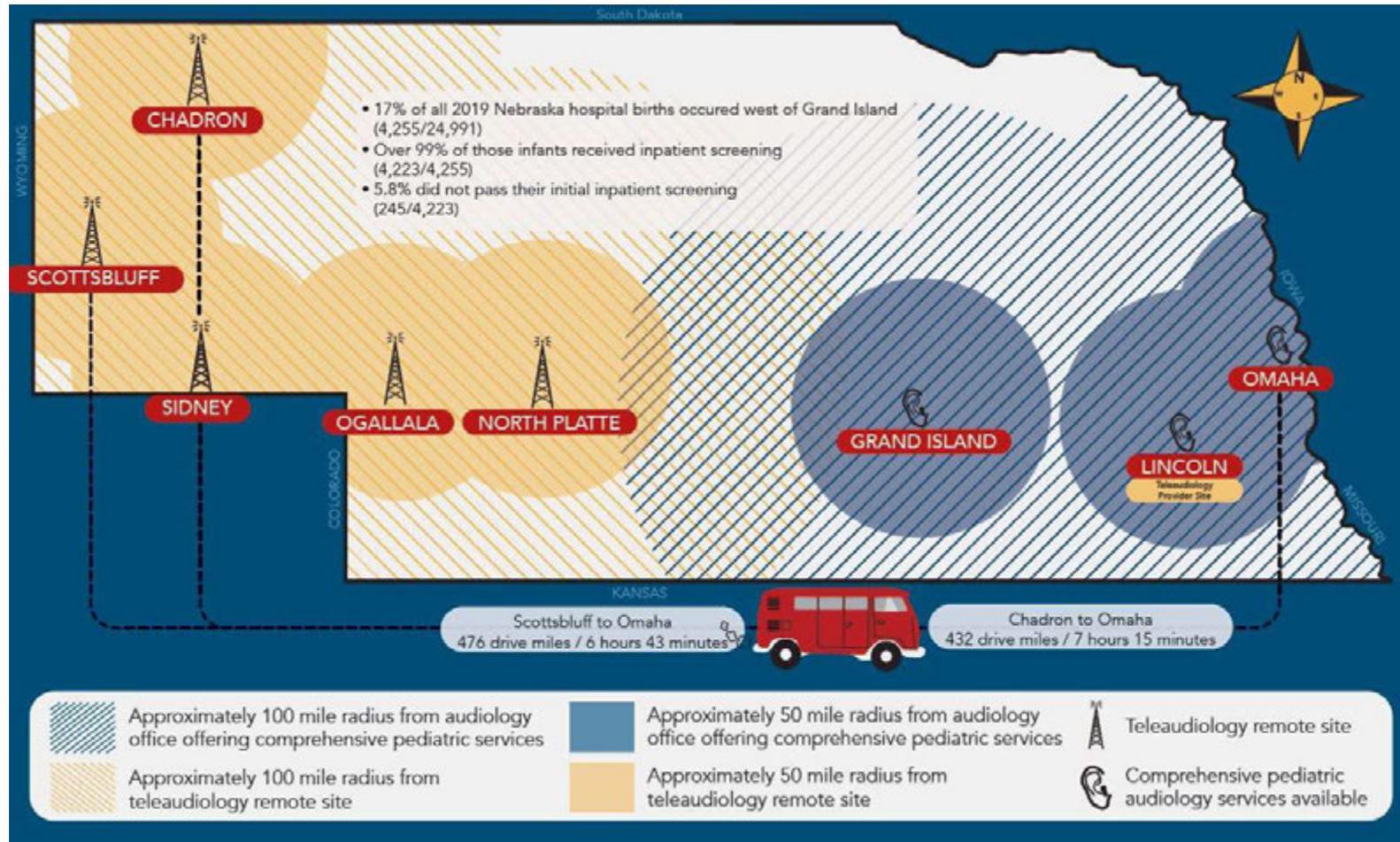
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Tele-audiology Update

- UNL Barkley offers both screenings & diagnostic evaluations via Tele-audiology
- New remote sites have been added:
 - Locations where tele-audiology is now available:
 - Scottsbluff (Original site)
 - Chadron
 - Sidney
 - Ogallala
 - North Platte
- Promotional flyers have been finalized by UNL:
 - Added to the NE-EHDI website in October 2020
 - Will be sent out to birth hospitals and PCP's soon

Areas of Nebraska where Pediatric Audiology is available



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Tele-audiology flyer for professionals

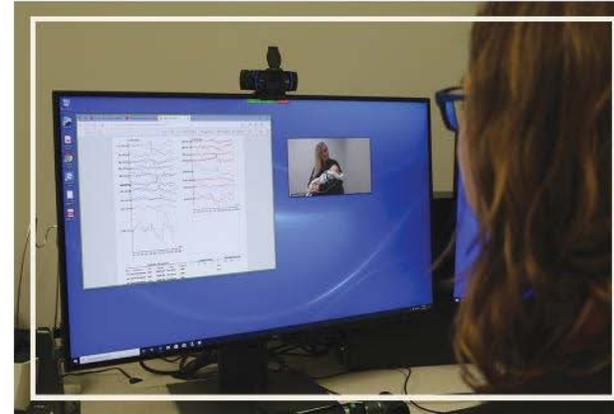


FOR MEDICAL PROVIDERS: COMPREHENSIVE NEWBORN HEARING EVALUATIONS VIA TELE-PRACTICE

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Barkley Speech Language and Hearing Clinic can complete follow-up re-screening and/or diagnostic hearing testing for infants who did not pass their newborn hearing screening. The appointments are via tele-practice with test sites at ESU 13 in Scottsbluff, Sidney and Chadron, as well as ESU 16 in North Platte and Ogallala.

Appointments are conducted using end-to-end encryption via Zoom HIPAA-compliant conferencing. The testing is completed by a Doctor of Audiology in Lincoln, with a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as a trained facilitator at the test site.

Testing is completed during quiet periods of natural sleep. Sedation is not available; therefore, the typical age range tested is 0-3 months old. If an infant is older, please call our office to discuss options.



QUESTIONS?
Call 402-472-2071

In order to schedule an appointment, please fax the following information to 402-472-3814:

1. Order/referral signed by a physician (ex: diagnostic hearing evaluation due to not passing newborn screening).
2. Demographic information for the patient.
3. Information/results regarding previous hearing testing, risk factors for hearing loss, or birth complications.

Evidence for Evaluating Hearing via Tele-Audiology

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Tele-audiology flyer for families



FOR FAMILIES: WHAT'S NEXT WHEN YOUR NEWBORN DOESN'T PASS THE HEARING SCREENING?

If your baby does not pass the newborn hearing screenings, a complete hearing evaluation before three months of age is needed to determine if your child has hearing loss in one or both ears. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Barkley Speech Language and Hearing Clinic can complete follow-up re-screening and/or diagnostic hearing testing for infants 0-3 months old who did not pass their newborn hearing screening.

Appointments are conducted via HIPAA-compliant encrypted video with an audiologist at the Barkley Clinic providing the testing and a trained Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing coordinating services on-site.



Next Steps

1. Get a referral from your primary care physician.
2. Call the Barkley Clinic (402-472-2071) to schedule your appointment.

AVAILABLE AT THREE ESU 13 LOCATIONS:

Chadron Site Crites Hall Chadron State College Chadron NE 69337	Sidney Site 361 College Drive Sidney NE 69162	Scottsbluff Site 4215 Avenue I Scottsbluff NE 69361
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AND TWO ESU 16 LOCATIONS:

North Platte Site 1221 W 17th Street North Platte NE 69101	Ogallala Site 314 West First Street Ogallala NE 69153
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NCHAM Tele-Audiology Project & Steering Committee

- Nebraska EHDI “alum” Jeff Hoffman has come out of retirement to co-lead an NCHAM Tele-audiology Project
 - Stephanie Johnson, a Graduate Assistant and AuD candidate at Utah State University is working alongside Jeff on the initiative
 - **Hannah Ditmars from UNL is serving on the Tele-audiology Steering Committee**
- Purpose: Expand Tele-audiology to address the Post COVID-19 surge
- Planned project outcomes:
 - By May 2021, 75 audiology facilities beginning to deliver pediatric services using tele-audiology
 - Focus on birth-5 years
 - Services to include ABR, OAE, Immittance, VRA, CPA, conventional audiometry, hearing aid programming/troubleshooting/counseling, CI mapping/troubleshooting/counseling, intervention/therapy

Hannah’s experience with implementing Tele-audiology for Nebraska along with her expertise will be an extremely valuable asset for this project and other states!



Nebraska Newborn Hearing Hospital Champion Campaign



For details about the Hospital Champion program, visit the Campaign home page:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Nebraska-Newborn-Hearing-Hospital-Champion-Campaign.aspx>

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History

- NE-EHDI and NE Hands & Voices – Guide By Your Side (GBYS) partnered with Nebraska families to develop a Parent Perspectives video and incorporate a new training curriculum for the newborn nursery staff on how to effectively communicate newborn hearing screening results to families.
- To incentivize hospitals to watch the video and update their protocols, NE-EHDI launched the Newborn Hearing Hospital Champion Program in December 2019.
- The goal of the campaign is to provide evidence-based education to birthing hospital staff who work directly with families and recognize Nebraska birth hospitals that incorporate the changes into their policies and procedures.
- The success of meeting the 1-3-6 benchmarks depends on professionals being well trained on educating parents about the importance of early hearing detection and intervention.

Purpose

- This campaign is aligned with the NE DHHS Nebraska Safe Babies Hospital campaigns.
- Many Nebraska hospitals have already been recognized as champions in Safe Sleep and Abusive Head Trauma prevention.
- NE-EHDI wants to recognize Nebraska birthing facilities as Newborn Hearing Hospital Champions as well.



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Hospital Champions

To date, 3 hospitals have achieved Champion status:



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Formerly St. Francis - West Point



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Pledges

To date, 19 hospitals have pledged to become Champions:

1. Memorial Community Hospital & Health System - Aurora
2. Methodist Fremont Health - Fremont
3. Howard County Medical Center - St. Paul
4. CHI Health St. Francis - Grand Island
5. CHI Health St. Elizabeth - Lincoln
6. CHI Health Lakeside - Omaha
7. CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center Bergan - Omaha
8. CHI Health Immanuel Medical Center - Omaha
9. CHI Health Mercy - Council Bluffs, IA
10. CHI Health St. Mary's - Nebraska City
11. Perkins County Health Services - Grant
12. Mary Lanning Healthcare - Hastings
13. Butler County Health Care Center - Seward
14. CHI Health Schuyler - Schuyler
15. Nebraska Medicine - Omaha
16. CHI Health Good Samaritan - Kearney
17. Box Butte General Hospital - Alliance
18. Grand Island Regional Medical Center - Grand Island
19. Brodstone Memorial Hospital - Superior NE

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1

3

6

Past 3 years

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1-3-6 Nebraska vs National Average

Screening by 1 Month	DOB Year	Nebraska	US Avg.
	2017	97%	97%
	2018	97%	97%
	2019	97%*	NA**

*Preliminary Percentages for NE-EHDI

** NA: Not available yet on CDC website

1-3-6 Nebraska vs National Average

Diagnosis by 3 Months	DOB Year	Nebraska	US Avg.
	2017	63%	75%
	2018	65%	77%
	2019	56%*	NA**

*Preliminary Percentages for NE-EHDI

** NA: Not available yet on CDC website

2019 Diagnosis by 3 Months Analysis

After reviewing the reasons for delay on 2019 babies identified after 90 days, it was determined that these delays were due to:

- Medically fragile/not expected to live
 - Persistent middle ear issues
 - COVID-19 pandemic
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- The reason for delay of the confirmatory diagnostic evaluation on babies born toward the end of 2019 was often due to COVID-19
 - A few babies were diagnosed shortly after the 90 days

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1-3-6 Nebraska vs National Average

Early Intervention by 6 Months	DOB Year	Nebraska	US Avg.
	2017	79%	67%
	2018	84%	70%
	2019	89%*	NA**

*Preliminary Percentages for NE-EHDI

** NA: Not available yet on CDC website

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25,182 babies born

2019 Birth Year

99%
24,962



Completed the hearing screening protocol

24,911

Passed the final screening or passed a diagnostic

51

Identified as D/HH (2.0 per thousand screened)

0

Late Identified as D/HH after passing a hearing screening

1%
220



Did Not Complete the hearing screening protocol

108

Expired inpatient or outpatient

35

Refused screening and/or diagnostic testing

30

*Unresponsive** after communication with NE-EHDI

43

Pending final screening or diagnostic evaluation

1

Moved out of Nebraska

3

*Lost to Follow-up** no response to calls/letters from EHDI

*NE-EHDI staff did follow-up on 1,209 infants. The percent of “unresponsive” and “lost to follow-up” remains very low at less than 3% using the calculation of (30+3)/1,209.

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website: <http://cehs.unl.edu/secd/nebraska-hearing-aid-banks/>

email: hearingaidbanks@unl.edu

phone: 402-472-0043

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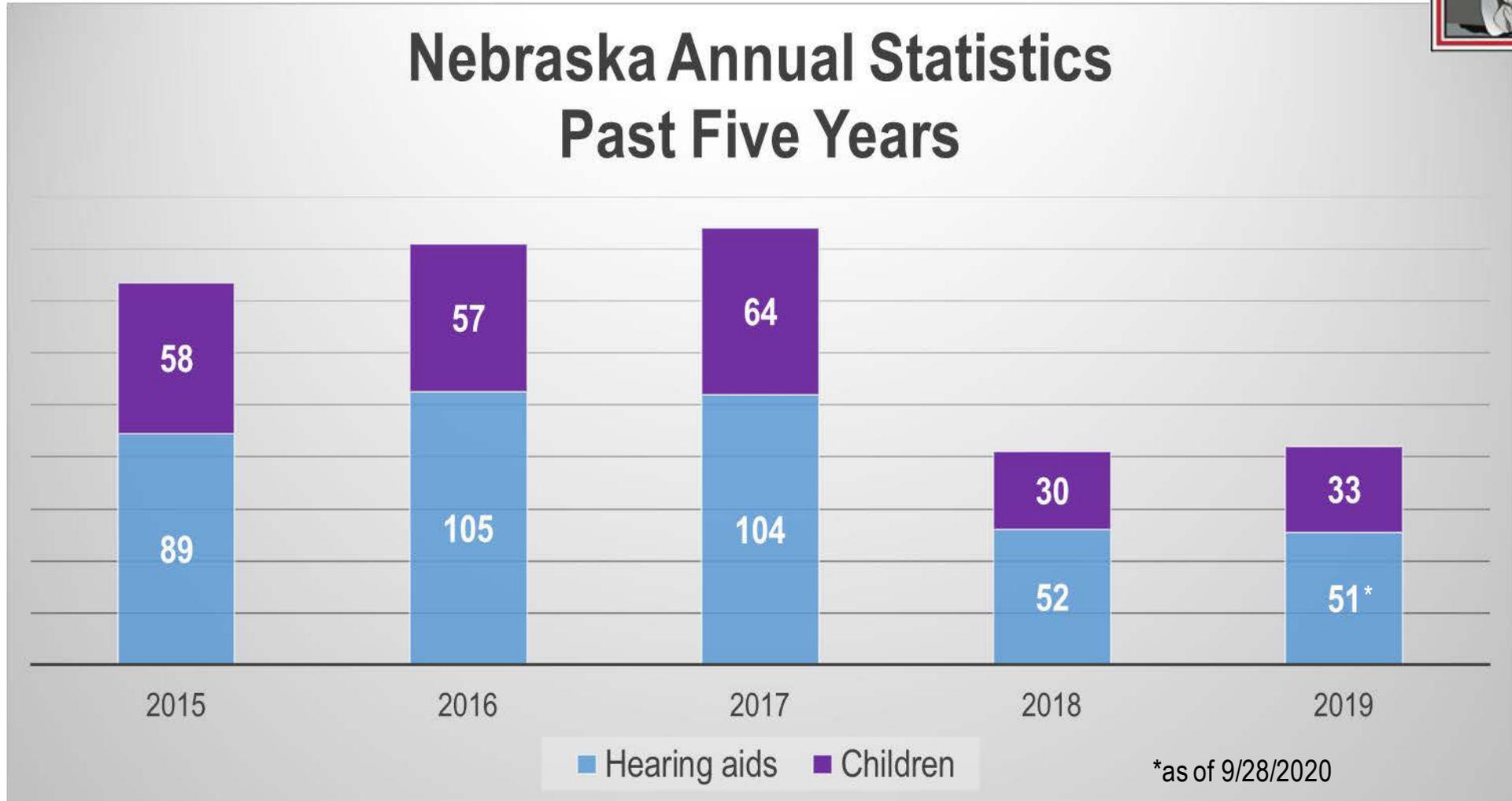
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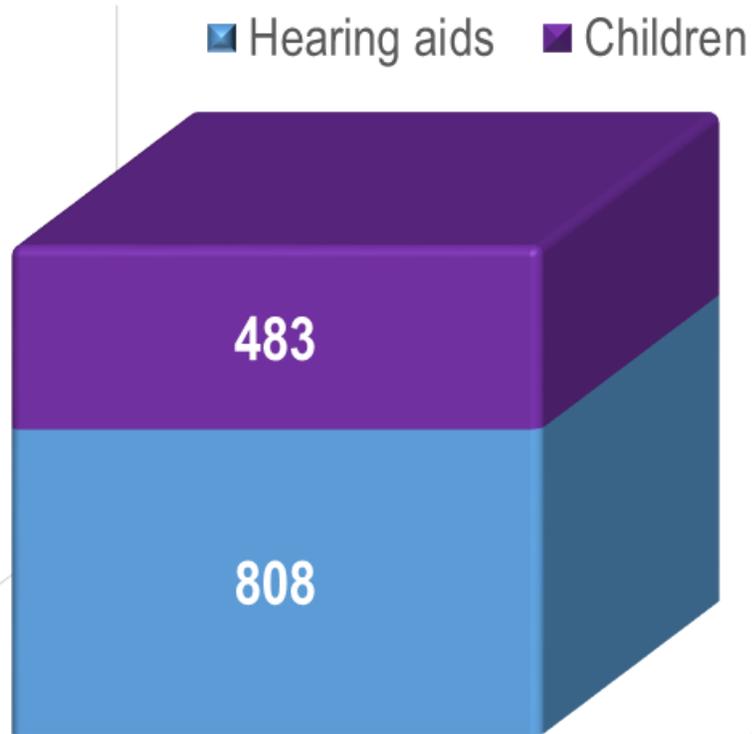
Nebraska Annual Statistics Past Five Years



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2008 to Current Hearing Aids Dispensed



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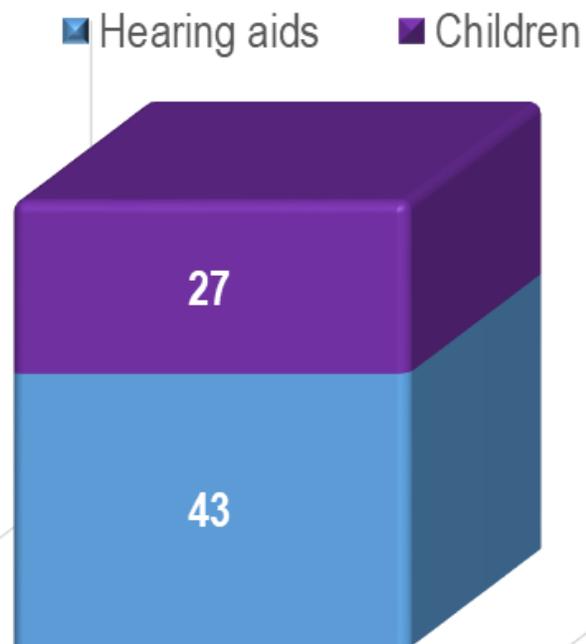
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Since November 2019



Ages 4 months through 18 years

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What's new at HearU

- HearU purchased 20 new hearing aids from Phonak in August, 2020
- HearU purchased 10 new hearing aids from Oticon in August, 2020
- HA's were purchased in a variety of models and colors

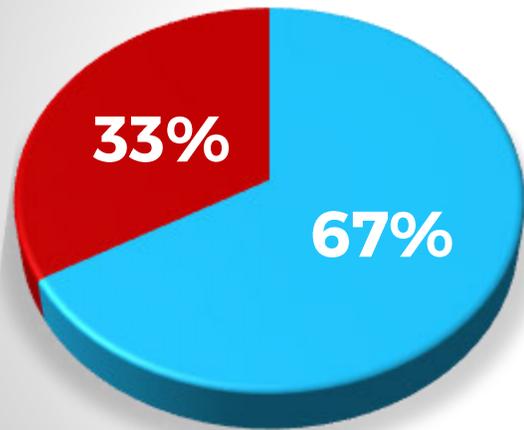


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Financial Criteria

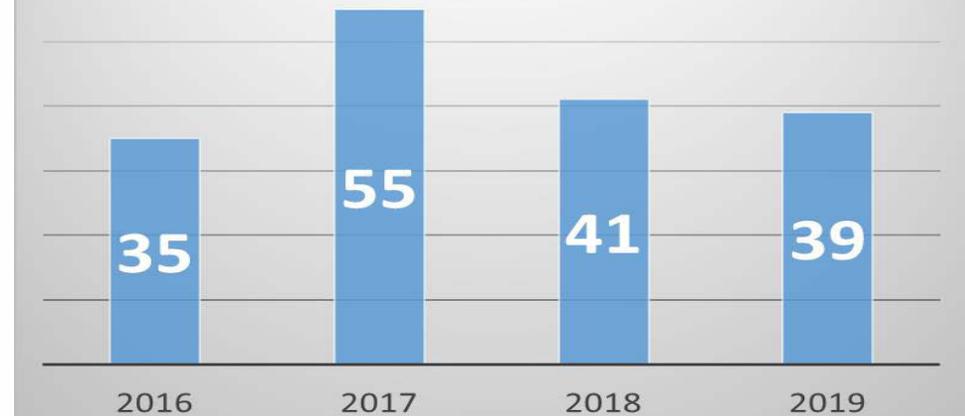
(Data as of 9/28/2020)

Application Denials (3 total)



- Well over the income guidelines (2)
- Possibly qualified for Insurance Coverage (1)
- Not a Nebraska resident (0)

HearU Application Numbers by Year



HearU closed March-May 2020 due to COVID. No applications were received during that time.

Nebraska Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side Family Support Update



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EHDI & GBYS Follow-up

- ▶ Shelli works up to 16 hours a week assisting with EHDI follow-up for families and medical professionals, as well as providing education and family support.
- ▶ Creates an opportunity for families to connect with a GBYS Guide during their first EHDI contact.
- ▶ Allows Shelli to share GUIDE experiences and knowledge as appropriate.
- ▶ Shelli worked with 1,092 families from 11/1/2019 – 10/7/2020.

Parent Guides & Families Served

- There are currently 14 trained Parent Guides who provide support throughout Nebraska
- GBYS is currently serving 188 families*
- 122 families were referred through NE-EHDI
 - Currently 65% of referrals come through the EHDI/GBYS collaboration

*As of 09/29/2020



Quotes from Families Served by GBYS

"The guide by your side program have made life better for us. Learning and sharing with other parents that "get it" has made such a difference for us. Thank you so much!"

"When you find out you have a child with hearing loss/deaf difference I had no clue what to do next. Out of the blue I got a call from my parent guide and I was like oh wow, how did you know? You want to help me go through all this???? And I was like oh thank you!!! I had no clue what to do so it was nice to sit down with someone who knows what I am going through and helped point me in the right directions. Without my parent guide, I probably would still be sitting here spinning. I get emails of advice and events and whenever I have a question or thought I just call or email her and I know I will get the best advice without any judging."

"Our guide is there exactly how much we need her and it's tailored to our needs which is great. We don't feel overwhelmed but we have it there when things get tough! I met another mom through the program with the same guide and she and I became fast friends and I love that!"

"The Newborn Screening is a godsend! I'm glad they set up perimeters that ensure follow up and early intervention to children detected with hearing loss or other disorders that could cause delays in development."

“Rising Stars” Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth Leadership Award

- This is a monthly opportunity to recognize a youth (up to age 21) who is D/HH.
- It is empowering and helps motivate our youth to become *positive role models* in the D/HH community.
- The selected youth receive an award certificate, a \$10 gift certificate, and recognized on Nebraska H&V Facebook.
- Recipients are excited to receive the award!
- There are a lot of D/HH youth doing amazing things.
- The Regional Programs have provided referrals, but we would also like to receive referrals from various sources.



Please spread the word about nominating a D/HH youth!

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H&V Monthly Newsletter

- First issue - January 2020
- Sent out monthly
- Posted on Hands & Voices Facebook page
- Each month it features:
 - Rising Star
 - Parent Guide Spotlight
 - WOW! That's Awesome!
 - Collaboration Corner
 - Upcoming Events
 - Other topics of interest

NEBRASKA Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side
 Monthly Newsletter
 October 2020 | Volume 1 | Issue 10

Rising Star
 Congratulations to Austin Luther, the October 2020 Rising Star!

Parent Guide Spotlight
 Emily and her husband Karl live in Omaha, NE. They have 2 kids, Juliet age 5, and Kaitlyn, age 22 months. Juliet has Unilateral Hearing Loss, identified first at birth, and has had her hearing aid since she was 2 months old. Her hearing aid is named "Hera", which made it easier to talk about at first and gives it a kid-friendly feeling. Juliet goes to Imagine and Explore preschool and enjoys playing, dancing, and doing whole 'n' spinn. She loves books, Taylor Swift, and playing one million questions per day. Emily received her Master's Degree in Social Work and has been a Parent Guide since December 2017. Karl works as a Data Architect and has served as the Vice President of the Hands and Voices board since 2018.

Helpful Tip
 Make putting on and taking off devices a regular part of your morning and night routine. Having a specific place to keep your devices while they aren't being worn helps avoid loss of where they are and encourages independence as your child learns the routine. Have a "bag" keep a bag or a small container in the diaper bag and place it inside whenever it comes out of their car.

Favorite App: Hand Talk
 Led by Hugo, the world's most lovable 3D character, the Hand Talk app provides a fun and easy way to communicate with your child. Available on the App Store and Google Play.

Suggested Website: The Hearing Journal
 This website covers the hearing health topics. The article below gives you all you need to know about noise and hearing loss. Check out the other articles as well as tips for improving communication with your hearing-impaired child.

Collaboration Corner: Nebraska Regional Programs
 Nebraska Regional Programs mission is to provide support for the unique educational, socio-emotional, cultural, and transition needs of children who have a hearing loss from birth to graduation from high school and their families. They do this through cooperative regional planning of interactive activities, organizations, and career explorations! RRP also offers two weekend sign classes in the fall and spring as well as others throughout the year. Contact your Regional Coordinator for more information and to discover ways to get involved!

Halloween & Hearing Differences
 Here are some tips to make sure this Halloween is safe for everyone!

Additional Resources:
 Halloween can be scary for kids with hearing loss.

Upcoming Events:
 2020 Virtual Fall Sessions
 Free Community Family Sign Language Class
 Monday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM
 Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM
 Classes: A01 Level 1 (Signment) A02 Level 2 (Signment) SEE Level 2 (Signment)

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Do you know someone who would benefit from being a part of the Nebraska Hands & Voices Guide by Your Side Program? If so please let us know by email at ghv@handsandvoices.org.

Please follow our Facebook page [Nebraska Hands & Voices](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaHandsandVoices) for lots of information.

"What works for your child is what makes the choice right!"

Other GBYS/EHDI Collaboration Activities

- In June 2020, H&V disseminated NE-EHDI survey to parents asking about speech and language services used outside of EDN – Part C Intervention services to report to CDC EHDI.
- In August 2020 H&V disseminated NE-EHDI survey to parents asking about their needs and wants for a D/HH Role Model or Mentor Program in Nebraska.



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New Events Since Last Advisory Meeting (11/14/2019)

- **ASTra Training** - Jan 17 (Omaha) & Jan 18 (Lincoln), 2020 (Zoomed statewide)
 - One-day training for professionals and parents interested in learning about education and advocacy.
- **Parent Café** - Jan 19, 2020 (Training for GBYS Guides)
 - Eleven Parent Guides attended the Parent Café Training. A Parent Café is a guided discussion which gives parents opportunity to connect with other parents in a safe and structured environment.
- **Moms Night Inn** - Feb 8-9, 2020 (Lincoln)
 - Opportunity for moms to share experiences and provide support to each other.
 - Topics included: Self Advocacy, Empowerment, Literacy, Socialization, Communication & more.



Zoom Series H&V/GBYS (Offered during COVID-19, April-May 2020)

April 2020

10th Unilateral Hearing Loss

Presenters: Shelli (parent) and Brooke Janning (child) – Brooke used a hearing aid for many years and now uses a Cochlear Implant.

Presentation with time for questions and conversation. Opportunity for parents to connect with other parents and children who have Unilateral Hearing Loss.

11th Meeting of the Moms

Facilitators: Emily Rokon & Jana Wiblishouser (parents)

Provided opportunities for moms of children ages 0-3 to have conversations about raising their little ones. Discussed problem solving, how things are going, and how to deal with temporary situations.

17th “These kids are driving me nuts!”

Parents discussed a variety of topics regarding things to do with your kids from self-advocacy to sports.

- Ages 0-3 – 1:00-2:00 – Jana Wiblishouser
- Ages 3-5 – 2:00-3:00 – Emily Rokon
- Ages 5-13 – 3:00-4:00 – Shelli Janning
- Ages 14 & up – 4:00-5:00 – Jessica Hoss & VOC rehab - Vicki Steinhauer-Campbell

21st “How do I manage all of this equipment?”

Presenter: Kendell Simms (Audiologist)

Presented by an audiologist who helped parents and grandparents better understand the child’s equipment. Included information for hearing aids, Baha, and Cochlear Implant.

24th “I am just here for the Beer”

Facilitators: Missy Stithem & Jenessa Cruz-Alfaro (parents)

Opportunity to get to know others and talk about what types of challenges & support parents see as beneficial when raising children who are D/HH. Prepared questions were provided as well as opportunities for informal discussion.

28th Hearing Aid 101: Explaining the Audiogram

Presenter: Kendell Simms (audiologist)
This was presented by an audiologist and a parent of a child who has a Hearing aid.

Provided information to help understand different issues relating to the use of a hearing aid. This was another great opportunity to share information with extended family.

Zoom Series H&V/GBYS (Offered during COVID-19, April-May 2020)

May 2020

1st

Raising a Child with Microtia and Atresia

Presented by two moms who have children with Microtia and Atresia. This was another good opportunity for extended family to learn about these conditions.

1st

Understanding BAHAs

Presenters: Brenda Coe & Kris Severe (parents) help parents understand Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs.)

8th

Dads Meeting/ Virtual Poker party

Facilitators: Kam Rokon & Mark Janning (parents)

This event gave dads a chance to talk with other dads. Virtual poker was also incorporated.

14th

Communication Options

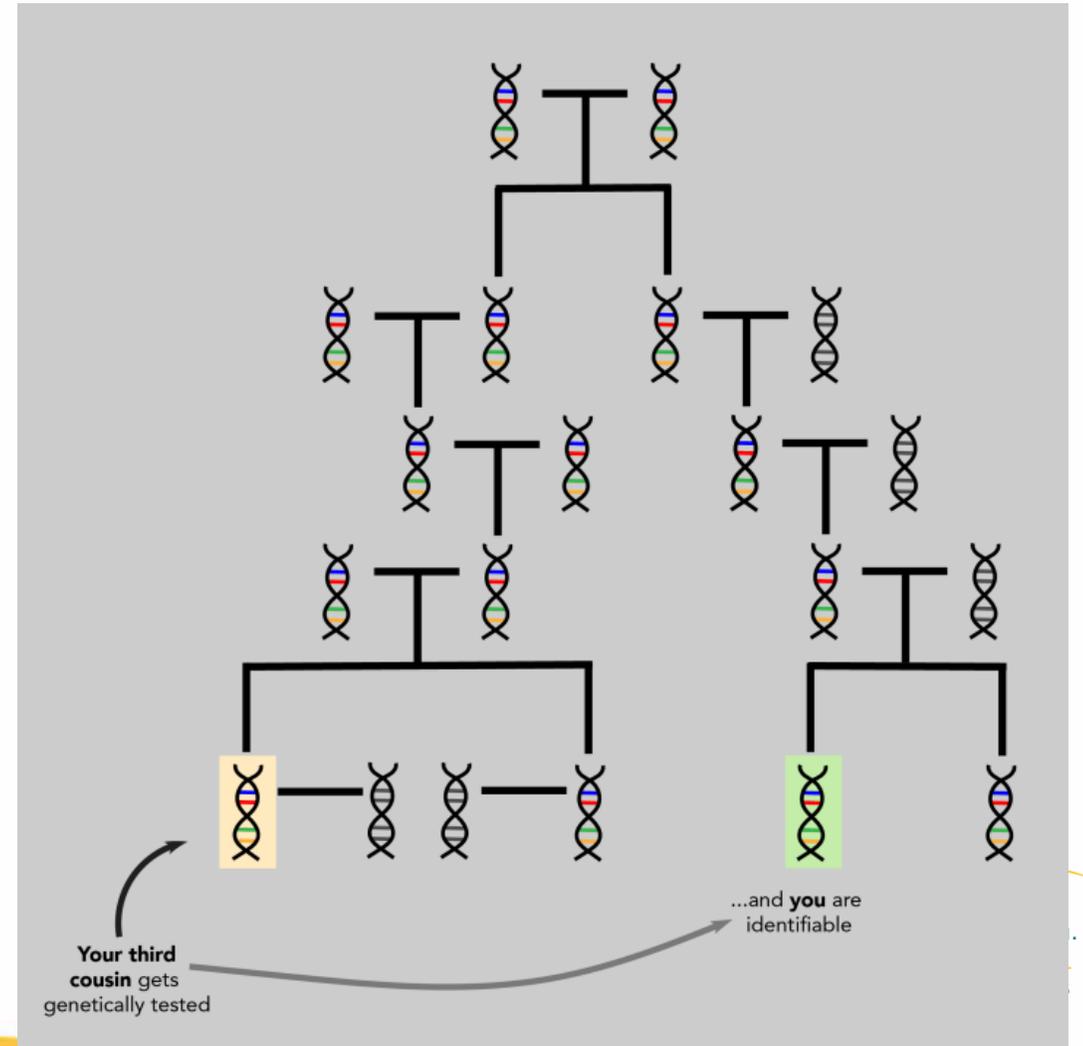
Presenters: Kim Frowick (parent, visual language), Missy Stithem (parent, spoken language), Jessica Hoss (parent, auditory and visual)

Opportunity to help understand various modes of communication in an unbiased manner. The three parents shared the methods of communication they chose with their child and how they made the decision. The parents also shared their child's perspective about communication.

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H&V Presentation for UNMC Genetics Class

- Kristal Platt asked Shelli to prepare a presentation on NE H&V/GBYS for her her Genetics Class at UNMC.
- Shelli presented information over prerecorded Zoom presentation in August.
- Information was shared on Nebraska resources & how H&V/GBYS supports families of children who are D/HH.



Deaf Awareness Month – Interviews with D/HH individuals

September 2020

[Cody McVoy](#)

[Click on name to watch interview](#)

Cody shares his experiences growing up Deaf alongside his two Deaf siblings. Cody attended mainstream public school and went to College at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. He utilizes ASL as his preferred mode of communication.

[Tory Vilotta](#)

[Click on name to watch interview](#)

Tory shares her experiences growing up as the only hard of hearing child in her family. Tory attended mainstream public school and is currently attending Southwest Minnesota State University. She utilizes auditory verbal as her preferred mode of communication.

[Dillon Curren](#)

[Click on name to watch interview](#)

Dillon shares his experiences growing up as the only Deaf individual in his family. Dillon attended mainstream public school and went to College at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. Dillon utilizes ASL as his preferred mode of communication.

[Anne Thompson](#)

[Click on name to watch interview](#)

Ann shares her experiences growing up as the only Deaf individual in her family. Ann attended the Nebraska School for the Deaf throughout most of her schooling, but in her senior year she took classes at a mainstream High School in Omaha. Ann attended Gallaudet University for her undergraduate degree, and two public Universities for her Master's degree. She utilizes ASL as her preferred mode of communication.

Parent Café Training

This is an opportunity for parents who have children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing to connect with other parents in a safe and structured environment. Parents enjoy having a safe place to talk about deep issues and to meet other parents from across the state. This is a great opportunity to learn from others.

- 9/19/2020-Brief presentation on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - targeted for families who have younger children.
- 09/22/2020-Same presentation as 09/19/2020, aimed at older kids.
 - **Canceled due to no registrations**

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A poster for a Virtual Parent Café. The background shows a group of people in a virtual meeting space. The text is overlaid on the image. At the top, it says "Virtual Parent Café" with a logo of three connected circles. Below that, it asks "Is this our new normal?" in green. A registration box contains the URL "http://bit.ly/NeVPC". Below that, it says "Registration is limited" and "A Zoom link will be sent to registered participants". There are two session options: "Saturday 9/19/2020 10:00 am - 11:15 am CT Target audience younger children" and "Saturday 9/22/2020 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm CT Target audience older children". A note says "Parents can attend any session regardless of their child's age". There are two signs: "HANDS & VOICES" and "GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE". A text box explains the opportunity for parents of Deaf or Hard of Hearing children. At the bottom, it says "A short presentation on the pros and cons of various styles of masks and face shields (PPE) will precede the Parent Café." and provides contact information: "If you have questions please contact: Shell Janning at gbys@handsandvoicesne.org" with a question mark icon.

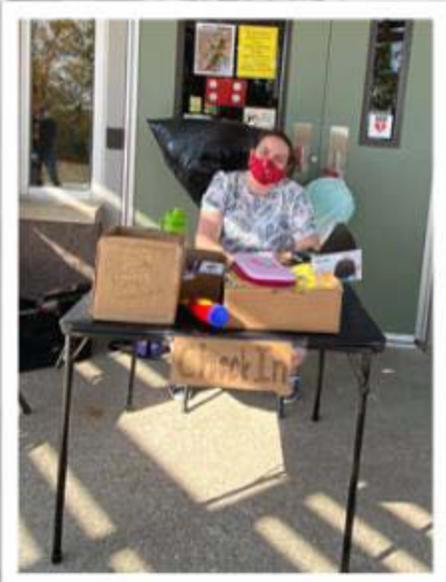
NCDHH Zoo Event at Omaha Zoo - 10/04/2020

- Event presented through collaborative effort with NeAD and NE H&V
- 12 families attended - GREAT turn out!
- Event allowed families to meet D/HH adults and children
- 20 copies of “Never Mind!” and copies of 25 “Farts Make a Noise” were given out to families who had young children
 - Local author Kelly Brakenhoff attended, read, and signed both books for attendees
 - NE-EHDI paid for the books
 - Each family had the option to choose an item of their choice
- After the formal activities, families gathered for a lunch sponsored by NE-EHDI:
 - During lunch there was a short presentation on ways to keep your child’s equipment on and ways to keep the equipment protected.



Nebraska Hands & Voices Fall Bash - 10/11/2020

- Annual event with activities and fun for families with children who are D/HH.
- Opportunity to network with other families with D/HH children and individuals in the D/HH community.
- Omaha Street Percussion performed:
 - Balloons were passed out so you could feel the vibration from the music.
- Other activities included pumpkin painting, story telling, leaf tracing activity, and outdoor games.



Future Advisory Meeting Dates

- **2021 Spring Meeting will be May 13, 2021**
 - **Nebraska Children's Home Society - 4939 S. 118th Street - Omaha**
- **2021 Fall Meeting will be October 14, 2021**
 - **Nebraska Educational Telecommunications - 1800 N. 33rd Street – Lincoln**

A survey will be sent out in January to select the meeting dates for May & Oct 2022

MeLissa will send Outlook meeting notices for your calendars.

THANK YOU

for all the work you do!

I look forward to working together more in the months ahead!

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