

NE-EHDI Goals

Goal 1 - The hearing of all newborns born in Nebraska will be screened during the birth admission or, if born out-of hospital, by 1 month of age.

Goal 2 - All newborns who “refer” on the initial hearing screening will complete an outpatient re-screening and/or audiologic diagnostic evaluation prior to 3 months of age.

Goal 3 - All infants with a confirmed hearing loss will have immediate access to high-quality technology and will begin receiving early intervention services prior to 6 months of age.

Goal 4 - All infants with a confirmed hearing loss will have a medical home.

Goal 5 - Families of young children with a confirmed hearing loss will have access to a family-to-family support system.

Goal 6 - The hearing of young children in Nebraska will be screened periodically.

Goal 7 – Professionals working with young children with a hearing loss will increase their capacity to provide appropriate services to young children.

Goal 8 – The NE-EHDI Program will provide an effective structure for the early hearing detection and intervention system in Nebraska.

Goal 9 – The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention system will be promoted.

Goal 10 – The NE-EHDI Program’s integrated electronic reporting system ERS-II will be capable of acquiring and processing complete, timely, and accurate child-specific hearing status data for all occurrent births in Nebraska.

Goal 11 – Progress toward meeting state and national EHDI system goals will be based on unduplicated, individually-identifiable hearing screening, audiologic diagnostic evaluation and early intervention results.

Goal 12 – Mechanisms to collect data about young children with late onset or progressive hearing loss will be developed.

Goal 13 – Child health and health-related data systems related will be connected to the NE-EHDI Program through data sharing, linkage or integration.

Goal 14 – The NE-EHDI tracking, surveillance and integration program will track and report process, output and outcome measures.