

## State Team Meetings

Again this year at the annual EHDI conference, networking time will be provided to help participants maximize what they learn at the conference and use the knowledge gained to improve their state's EHDI program when they return home. Two sessions at the 2009 annual EHDI Conference will be devoted to state EHDI team collaboration and planning. During these sessions, state team members will meet to coordinate participation in conference presentations and will also develop a written action plan for the state EHDI team.

To facilitate this collaboration and planning, the State Team Meetings will be structured as described below.

### Preparation for the EHDI Conference:

- Prior to the Conference, participants will begin thinking about the specific needs of their state's EHDI program and what they would like to learn from the conference workshops. State teams may choose to review their Action Plan from last year's conference (available at <http://ehdiconference.org/State.cfm> for those states that submitted them); to continue development of the goals, objectives and activities of their HRSA and/or CDC grants; to review their state EHDI laws and regulations, and to continue the implementation of the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing 2007 Position Statement recommendations. In addition, participants may wish to coordinate with other participants from their state about state EHDI program needs, plans and conference attendance.
- Individual participants are encouraged to complete the Pre-Conference Individual Reflection and Planning form. The schedule for the conference and abstracts for all of the sessions are available on the conference website. This information may be used during any pre-conference planning meetings or at the State Team Meetings during the conference.
- States may choose to communicate among registered participants prior to the conference for preliminary planning purposes to discuss state priorities and initiatives.

### State Team Meetings during the EHDI Conference:

- **Monday, March 9, 2009 - 9:45 to 10:35 am** - The initial meeting will include introductions, defining EHDI priorities in the state/territory, and devising a strategy for the team to gain as much information as possible during the conference. Each state team will review the Conference Program Book and decide how to coordinate attendance at sessions so that representatives from the state will attend sessions that are most relevant to priorities in their state. The *Team-Up at the EHDI Conference* worksheet will be provided as a template to help the group ensure that team members attend all sessions where information vital to the state's priorities will be presented.
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2008 – 7:30 to 8:30 am** - During the second meeting, the state team will reconvene to determine specific actions that can be taken by the group to address one or more of the priorities to EHDI in the state/territory. Teams are encouraged to consider actions that work in tandem with state plans such as those developed for CDC and HRSA grants or activities related to the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing's 2008 recommendations. The State Team Action Plan form has been provided as a template to assist the state team in detailing actions to take within the next 12 months. A "goal bank" will be available to provide ideas of possible goals to consider.

### After the EHDI Conference:

- Following the 2009 EHDI Conference, the NCHAM Network consultants will be available to provide technical assistance as needed to support the action plan the state team develops. Prior to the 2010 EHDI Conference, each state team will be asked to provide a brief update on accomplishments and progress made.