EHDI Collaborative Activities that Support Timely and Appropriate Early Intervention

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Nevada Population Density 24.6 per square mile

Vermont Population Density 65.8 per square mile

Kentucky Population Density 101.7 per square mile

Nevada Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program
Pediatric Audiology & Early Intervention

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Nevada Hearing Statistics

- Approx. 34,500 births per year
- Hearing Screenings: 97%
- Audiological testing: 60%
- Early Intervention enrollment: 83%
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Nevada’s Challenges

Ensuring the provision of health care services and infrastructure to those affected with hearing loss as a result of geography, weather, economy, and population distribution.

• No state funding
• No state or private schools for deaf
• No EHDI advisory board
Meeting the Challenge

• Strategic Planning Committee
• EI is part of Dept of Health and Human Services
• Collaboration with Partners via MOUs
• Utilizing sub grant with H&V to fund HRSA encouraged parent involvement and interagency collaboration
Role of Nevada Hands & Voices

• H&V sub-grant funds:
  – Umbrella agency function
    • Send stakeholders to Nat’l EHDI Conference (Audiology, ENT, H&V, AG Bell, DHHARC, Part C oversight office, EI staff)
    • Coordinate conferences, trainings, activities for other stakeholders
    • Conferences, trainings, activities for modality-specific organizations and unbiased support (AG Bell, DHHARC, Hands & Voices)
  
  – GBYS Coordinator (audiology follow-up calls/team member of EHDI program)
  
  – GBYS program for confirmed hearing losses
    • One objective is to track EI enrollment, refer as needed
    • On-going training provided by EHDI Program, EHDI Audiologist
Identifying Early Intervention Stakeholders

EHDI Program

Audiologists

D/HH Parent Support Organizations

Statewide EI Agency

Part C Oversight Agency

Primary Care Physicians

Local Early Intervention Programs
Building Positive Relationships with Stakeholders

• Target Key Early Intervention Stakeholders
  – Part C oversight office, EI staff and managers, Audiologists, Hands & Voices, AG Bell, Deaf Advocacy and Resource Center

• Educate stakeholders about EHDI
  – Fund their attendance to National EHDI Meeting
  – Invite/fund them to attend EHDI Strategic Planning Meetings

• Joint Participation
Building Positive Relationships with Stakeholders, Cont.

• Have a Voice at their Table
  – Directly (join or attend)
    • State Interagency Coordinating Council (IDEA, Part C)
    • EI Statewide Management Meetings
    • EI Staff Meetings
  – Indirectly
    • Encourage parents of D/HH children to join boards and advisory committees of stakeholder agencies
Benefits of Collaboration

- Unilateral hearing loss is auto-eligible for EI
- Recognize audiology as part of EI team
- Large EI programs provide full diagnostic audiology for newborns
- Small EI programs educated in local audiology resources
- Seamless transition from diagnosis to EI
- Training for EI providers working with D/HH infants and toddlers
Benefits of Collaboration, Cont.

• Data Sharing
  – MOU between EHDI and Part C
  – EHDI makes referrals to Part C
  – Part C provides IFSP date to confirm enrollment
  – New ideas for data sharing with EI centers
    • At IFSP, parents sign release for data sharing with EHDI
    • Share audiology records and developmental / language level data
    • Data on late onset hearing loss and transfers in from out-of-state
Benefits of Collaboration, Cont.

• Trained providers = appropriate and effective early intervention
  – Arranged and funded training for EI providers in the Ski-Hi Model and Curriculum
  – Deaf Ed/Mentor training, and technical/procedural support to ensure implementation and success of Ski-Hi Model
  – EHDI audiology consultant/follow-up coordinator attends Ski-Hi team meetings
Ski-Hi training for EI staff benefits H&V families

– Ski-Hi chosen because of great parent-centered focus and unbiased modality
– Opportunity to present at end of training to ensure staff aware of H&V, GBYS, and encourage their families to get involved
– EI programs offer space for H&V meetings
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By working together, we can support these children and their families....

Questions?