

Subject: 2018 EHDI State Stakeholders' Meeting – Message to Students

What is the State Stakeholders' Meeting and when is it?

This is time set aside during the Annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) meeting where attendees from each state/territory come together for 90 minutes on **Monday, March 19th from 9:30-11:00 am** to discuss priorities and initiatives relevant to their system/program. These meetings are typically led by the Newborn Hearing Screening Program/EHDI Coordinator (or designee). This meeting time is used to benefit the EHDI program, EHDI system, EHDI direct services, and/or the EHDI process as it pertains to that state's/territory's current needs.

Why should students attend?

This is a great time to see the “moving parts” of how state/territory EHDI programs and system stakeholders' work together to meet the needs that are important to them. It is also a great place to network and meet people!

Does it matter which state meeting I attend?

Not really. You could attend the meeting in the state where you are currently attending school, or your home state, a state you know you will be moving to, or any other state/territory you would like. The important part is to be able to learn about the priorities, network and get an idea about what EHDI is all about on the front lines.

What should I do when I decide which meeting to attend?

If you didn't indicate on your registration form which meeting you were going to attend, then go ahead and send an email to the EHDI Coordinator of that state/territory and introduce yourself as a student and let them know that you would like to attend their meeting. Since the EHDI Coordinators typically contact all the registrants from their state/territory just prior to arriving onsite, you could also inquire if there were materials shared with others that you could have as well. Click here to, [contact a State/Territory EHDI Coordinator](#).

Where can I find additional information about the State Stakeholders' Meeting?

- Click here to read the [Description of the State Stakeholders' Meeting](#).
- To prepare for this opportunity please visit the State Stakeholders' Meeting page on the [2018 Annual EHDI Meeting website](#) to read more about the importance of these meetings and access additional information and forms.
 - **Individual Reflection, Planning and Action Plan** worksheet – While this is typically used by those already involved in state/territory EHDI programs/systems, consider why you are attending the 2018 EHDI Meeting. What sessions you will attend and what do you hope to take away into your studies or future workplace? What parts of the EHDI system spark your curiosity, passion and can support you in your goals? This form is provided for you to record how you will use information learned during sessions to enhance or provide input to EHDI systems. Feel free to share these ideas with an EHDI Coordinator, fellow students and other stakeholders in the diverse EHDI system.

We look forward to seeing you all in Denver!

Your State Stakeholders' Meeting Sub-committee:

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