

## State/Territory Stakeholders' Meeting

At the 2020 Annual EHDl Meeting, time is provided to help attendees maximize what they learn at the meeting and to use the new knowledge to improve their state's/territory's EHDl system when they return home. One session has been set aside for attendees to discuss priorities and initiatives for their state/territory EHDl systems. Each state's/territory's meeting will be designed and led by the EHDl Coordinator or the EHDl Coordinator's designee. This meeting time should be used to benefit the EHDl program, EHDl system, EHDl direct services, and/or the EHDl process as it pertains to your state's/territory's current needs.

### Preparing for the State Stakeholders' Meeting

Prior to the meeting, participants are encouraged to reflect on the status of their state's/territory's EHDl system and what they would like to learn from the sessions. Meeting participants may receive information from their EHDl Coordinator to review prior to the meeting.

- States/territories should choose to communicate among registered attendees prior to arrival in Denver for preliminary planning purposes to discuss priorities and initiatives.
- Preliminary meetings should include introduction of attendees to promote networking among participants from the same state/territory; name, title, role in the EHDl system; topics/sessions of interest at this EHDl meeting as well as the goals and objectives for your state's/territory's HRSA and/or CDC grant prior to the meeting. You may be asked to assist in helping your state's/territory's EHDl program in achieving those goals and objectives.
- In addition, it is encouraged that there be discussions about future activities related to;
  - increasing health professionals' engagement within and knowledge of the EHDl system,
  - improving access to EI services and language acquisition,
  - improving family engagement through relationships with family-based organizations, partnership and leadership within the EHDl programs and systems, and
  - Quality Improvement (QI)/Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) plans related to these activities; progress, successes, and barriers in implementing the QI Plan/PDSAs.

### During the State Stakeholders' Meeting

**New This Year:** Monday, March 9, 2020 - 8:30am - 9:30am and 9:45am -10:45am – This year the opening Plenary and Stakeholders' Meetings will be repeated; ½ the states/territories will attend the opening Plenary and ½ will attend their Stakeholders' meeting. Then those who attended the plenary will go to their Stakeholder' meeting and Stakeholder attendees will go to the plenary. This change will allow greater flexibility in assigning meeting space and interpreting for those who requested it in advance. If you are not attending a Stakeholders' meeting, feel free to choose which plenary to attend.

While EHDl programs are expected to fulfill similar objectives, strategies for how they fulfill those objectives differ due to a variety of attributes individual states/territories may possess. EHDl Coordinators have been directed to design the agenda for your state's/territory's meeting in a manner that will advance their EHDl priorities, goals, objectives, and activities.

The Stakeholders' Meeting should include defining EHDl priorities in the state/territory and devising a strategy for the attendees to gain as much information as possible during the meeting. For example, a state/territory group might review the Meeting Program Book and decide how to coordinate attendance at sessions so that representatives can attend sessions that are most relevant to priorities for their state/territory. The meeting should include discussion on the goals and objectives of the program and status of current initiatives. All registered Annual EHDl Meeting attendees are invited to be an active participant in the discussions.

Evaluations for the Stakeholders' session will be provided. Please ask each participant to complete an evaluation and turn them in before leaving the Annual Meeting. Feedback about the stakeholders' session is very helpful in planning next year's meeting. Thank you and enjoy the 2020 Annual EHDl Meeting!