



November 4, 2022:

This letter is intended to support your attendance at the annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting which takes place from March 5-7, 2023 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The tentative agenda for the meeting can be viewed at [ehdiconference.org/Schedule.cfm](http://ehdiconference.org/Schedule.cfm). The purpose of the meeting is to enhance the implementation on of comprehensive state-based Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs.

As you know, budgeting for at least two individuals to attend the annual meeting is indicated on your HRSA funding announcement. As noted on page 7 of FOA HRSA-17-059, "Recipients will also be required to budget for one (1) or two (2) staff and one (1) family member to attend the annual EHDI conference." As your state/territory's Project Director for a MCHB grant, you and at least one other staff member are funded to attend the National EHDI Conference. Staff supported by your HRSA Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention grant are also funded to attend. In addition, you should include a parent/family member as a participant.

For 2023, we recognize and appreciate that COVID-19 and related travel restrictions may differ by agency and may impact some grantees. As you make plans, please follow your state and agency guidelines for travel and COVID-19 precautions. In addition, we recognize that some of you will need to consider personal health and COVID-19 precautions in making plans. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your HRSA project officer.

This meeting will provide opportunities to learn about many aspects of successful statewide and jurisdiction universal newborn hearing screening and intervention programs, discuss project requirements, and report on the progress in developing and sustaining effective programs. The meeting will also provide an excellent opportunity for people from your state/jurisdiction to interact with people from other state/jurisdiction programs, participate in round-tables and workshops, share information, and exchange ideas. Technical assistance will be provided through workshops, presentations, and panel discussions. Please take particular note of the following activities that will be held during the meeting:

1. An informal reception for the HRSA EHDI Team and state EHDI Coordinators will be held the evening of Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional details are forthcoming.
2. The state/jurisdiction EHDI Coordinator's meeting will be held for a half day on Wednesday, March 8th.
3. The EHDI jurisdiction meeting will be held Sunday, March 5th from 12-3pm.

The meeting provides an opportunity for collaboration between EHDI grantees and key partners. We are looking forward to your participation in what should be another interactive, productive, and successful EHDI meeting. If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact your HRSA project officer.

Sincerely,

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