Achieving Best Practice in Early Intervention

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EHDI and Part C

Variability exists among EHDI and Part C programs in their roles, structure and areas of collaboration for service delivery.
Current Focus

Scope of Current Study:
• agency perception of current practices
• agency’s role in sharing information on communication options
• the availability of a range of communication options
Communication

• Family awareness of all communication options (unbiased presentation)
• Informed family choice and desired outcome guide the decision-making process.
Key Concepts

- Informed family choice
- Decision-making process
- Range of options
- Unbiased presentation
- Dynamic process (family needs, desired outcomes, assessment guided)
A fifteen item survey was sent electronically to all Part C and EHDI Coordinators in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Total responses:
- Part C Coordinators: N=30 or 50%
- EHDI Coordinators: N=41 or 69%
Q1. What agency houses the early intervention/Part C program in your state?

**EHDI**
- Dept. of Health: 51%
- Dept. of Education: 20%
- Other: 29%

**PART C**
- Dept. of Health: 44%
- Dept. of Education: 23%
- Other: 33%
Q2. What agency houses the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program?

EHDI

- Dept. of Health: 65%
- Dept. of Education: 2%
- Other: 33%

PART C

- Dept. of Health: 68%
- Dept. of Education: 3%
- Other: 29%
Q3. Rate the following statements from 1 (Strongly Agree) to 5 (Strongly Disagree).

- Our state/agency offers a seamless system of service coordination among the agencies serving children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.
- Our state/territory has excellent strategies for sharing information among providers from screening to diagnosis through intervention.
- Our state/territory has local or regional community capacity necessary to provide early intervention based on a family choice regardless of the selected communication methodology.
- Our state/territory has an identifiable strategy for integrating family support into the system of care for children who are deaf and hard of hearing.
Q3a: Our state/territory offers a seamless system of service coordination among the agencies serving children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.
Q3b. Our state/territory has excellent strategies for sharing information among providers from screening to diagnosis through intervention.
Q3c. Our state/territory has local or regional community capacity necessary to provide early intervention based on a family choice regardless of the selected communication methodology or modality.
Q3d. Our state/territory has an identifiable strategy for integrating family support into the system of care for children who are deaf and hard of hearing.
Q4. Has your state designated a specific agency to provide information to parents or caregivers about the range of communication options available in the state?

**EHDI**
- Yes: 44%
- No: 56%

**PART C**
- No: 30%
- Yes: 70%
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- Early Intervention/Part C: 31%
- Non-Part C Public Education Agency: 4%
- State School for the Deaf: 26%
- Contracted service provider: 4%
- Non-government/Non-Profit organization: 9%
- Other: 26%

Part C
Q6. Within the designated agency providing information about communication options to parents and caregivers, describe the professional background of the individual who typically provides this information to parents and caregivers.

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**EHDI**

- Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education: 16%
- Educator of the Deaf: 29%
- Speech-Language Pathology: 16%
- Audiology: 16%
- Parent of a child with hearing loss: 10%
- Other: 13%
- Non-degreed: 0%
Q6. Within the designated agency providing information about communication options to parents and caregivers, describe the professional background of the individual who typically provides this information to parents and caregivers.

Part C

- Educator of the Deaf: 30%
- Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Special Education: 12%
- Speech-Language Pathology: 18%
- Audiology: 18%
- Parent of a child with hearing loss: 10%
- Other: 20%
- Non-degreed: 0%
Q7. Does the agency that provides the information about communication options to parents and caregivers ALSO provide direct services/early intervention?

- Yes 89%
- No 11%
- Don't know 0%
Q8. If your state has not designated a specific agency to provide information to parents or caregivers about the range of communication options available, please indicate all applicable agencies that may be sharing this information.

- Early Intervention/ Part C: 25%
- Public education agency (non Part C): 14%
- State School for the Deaf: 18%
- Contracted service provider: 11%
- Non-government/Non-Profit organization: 15%
- Other: 17%
Q8. If your state has not designated a specific agency to provide information to parents or caregivers about the range of communication options available, please indicate all applicable agencies that may be sharing this information.

- Early Intervention/ Part C: 26%
- Public education agency (non Part C): 18%
- State School for the Deaf: 19%
- Contracted service provider: 7%
- Non-government/Non-Profit organization: 15%
- Other: 15%
Q9. Describe the range of communication options available to parents & caregivers in your state.

EHDI

- Oral/Aural: 22%
- Auditory-Verbal Therapy: 20%
- Total Communication/Simultaneous Communication: 21%
- Cued Speech: 14%
- Bi-Bi/American Sign Language: 21%
- Other: 2%
Q9. Describe the range of communication options available to parents & caregivers in your state.

Part C
Q10. Describe the following communication options as being:
1 = Available Statewide/Many Providers; 2 = Moderate access/available in some parts of the state; 3 = Limited Access/isolated availability

Oral/Aural

- Available Statewide/Many Providers: 31% (EHDI), 33% (Part C)
- Moderate access/available in some parts of the state: 56% (EHDI), 52% (Part C)
- Limited Access/isolated availability: 14% (EHDI), 15% (Part C)
Q10. Describe the following communication options as being:
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Auditory-Verbal Therapy
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Total/Sim. Communication

EHDI
Part C
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Cued Speech

- **EHDI**
  - 0%
  - 25%
  - 46%

- **Part C**
  - 0%
  - 34%
  - 29%
  - 66%

**Legend:**
- Blue: EHDI
- Green: Part C
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Bi-Bi/American Sign Lang.
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Q11. What curriculum is used to explain the range of communication options to parents & caregivers in your state?

- Guide By Your Side: 12%
- BEGINNINGS: 8%
- Oral Deaf Ed Materials: 8%
- In-house/Agency generated materials: 26%
- SKI*HI: 25%
- Other: 11%
- Don't know: 10%
Q11. What curriculum is used to explain the range of communication options to parents & caregivers in your state?

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- BEGINNINGS: 8%
- Oral Deaf Ed Materials: 6%
- SKI*HI: 27%
- In-house/Agency generated materials: 27%
- Other: 11%
- Don't know: 10%
Q12. Does your state have an established Deaf Mentor Program?

**EHDI**
- Yes: 34%
- No: 55%
- Don't know: 11%

**PART C**
- Yes: 23%
- Don't know: 20%
- No: 57%
Q13. Has your state passed legislation in support of a Deaf Child’s Bill of Rights?

**EHDI**
- Don't know 18%
- Yes 10%
- No 72%

**PART C**
- Don't know 45%
- Yes 14%
- No 41%
Q14. Has your state passed legislation for insurance coverage of hearing aids?

**EHDI**
- Yes: 28%
- No: 67%
- Don't know: 5%

**PART C**
- Yes: 21%
- Don't know: 31%
- No: 48%
Q15. Has your state passed legislation for insurance coverage of cochlear implants?

**EHDI**
- Yes: 8%
- Don't know: 10%
- No: 82%

**PART C**
- Don't know: 37%
- No: 63%
- Yes: 0%
Thank you for listening!