



November 9, 2021:

This email is intended to support your attendance at the annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting which takes place from March 13-15, 2022 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The tentative agenda for the meeting can be viewed at 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 Notice of Award as a condition of the award. 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 2022, 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 territorial 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/territory to interact with people from other state/territorial 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 on Saturday, March 12 from 5PM-7PM. We ask that new EHDI Coordinators (those that have joined since March 2020) arrive at 5PM. We ask that all other EHDI Coordinators arrive at 6PM. Additional details are forthcoming.
2. The state/territorial EHDI Coordinator's meeting on Wednesday, March 16th from 9AM to 4PM.

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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