



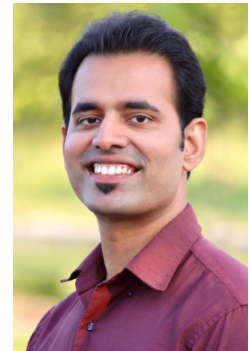
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EHDI Staff Highlight : Christo Andrews

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Christo Andrews is our EHDI IT Programmer and Developer (extraordinaire.) Over the last two years Christo has been instrumental in fixing, updating and improving the Early Alert Response System (EARS.) Christo works at the EHDI office two days a week so he understands the EHDI process and the importance of accurate data reporting. Christo and his wife Togin, live in Indianapolis with their 19-month-old daughter Diya. Christo is originally from India and earned his master’s degree in San Diego. Christo has previous experience working for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and we are grateful to have his expertise in the Hoosier state and for our EHDI program.



EHDI 2018 Fun Facts

Birth Hospitals by number of births in 2018

Community Hospital North Indianapolis,

Women’s Hospital, Evansville,

Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital

Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne

St. Vincent’s Women’s Hospital, Indianapolis

- ◆ The age of birth mothers in 2018 ranged from 13 to 63 years old.
- ◆ 27 year old mothers had the highest number of births.
- ◆ Average weight gain of mothers during pregnancy was 29 pounds.
- ◆ Approximately 2 percent of babies born in Indiana were home births.

EHDI Data 2017: By the Numbers

INDIANA 2017 DATA

Total births in Indiana	80,316	
Total with hearing screens completed	76,876	96%
Total Did Not Pass hearing screens	2,817	3.6%

Final Status of Children Who Did Not Pass UNHS (N=2,817)

Identified with normal hearing	2,037	72%
Identified with Hearing Loss	193	6%
In Process	105	5%
Deceased/Medically fragile	13	0%
Refused/Declined	103	4%
Contacted but unresponsive	233	8%
Unable to Contact	33	1%

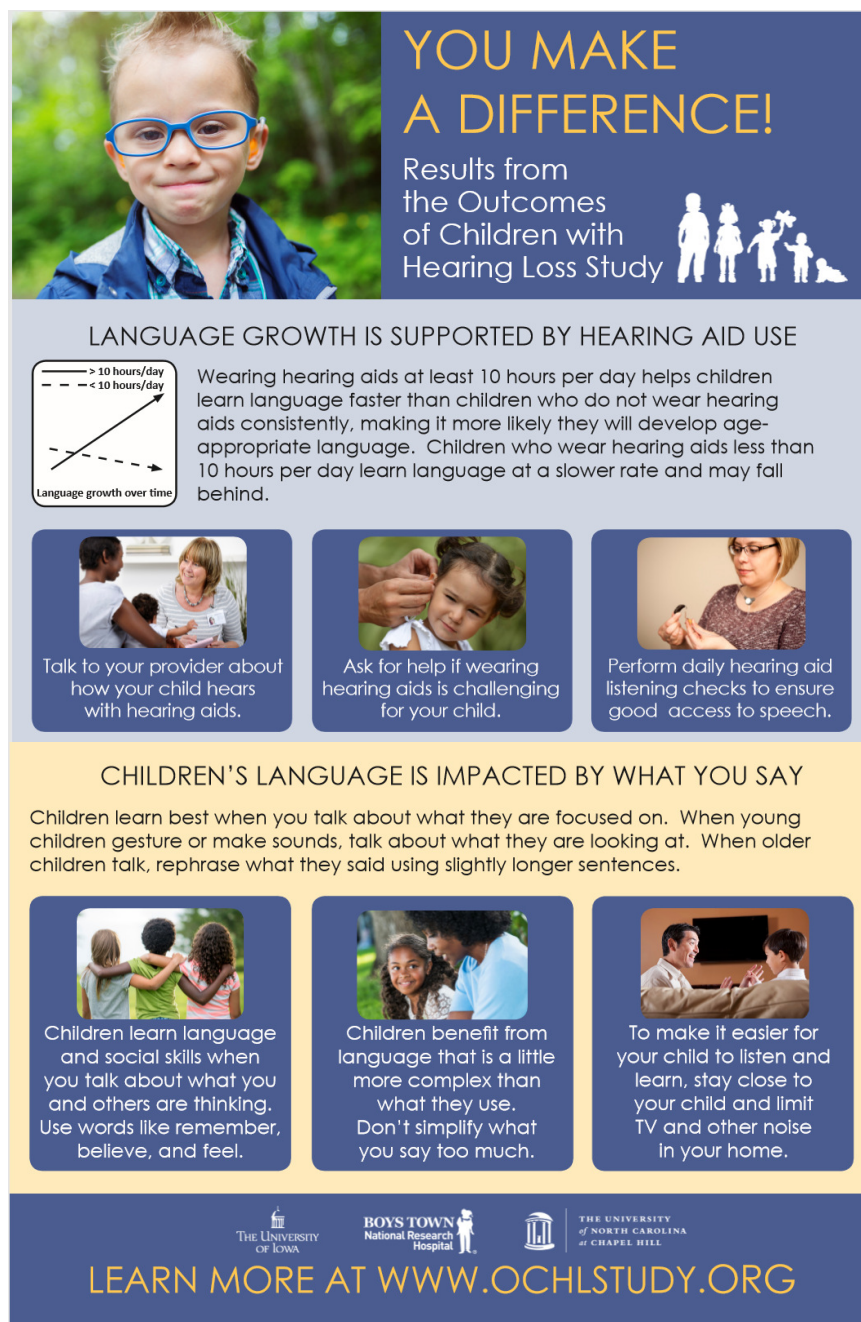
IDENTIFICATION OF HEARING LOSS (N=113)

Permanent hearing loss (before 3 months)	105
Permanent hearing loss (after 3 months)	88

TOTAL IDENTIFIED RECEIVING EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

About 75 percent of children identified with hearing loss receive early intervention services.

Featured Infographic about parental engagement from Boys Town National Research Hospital:



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Results from the Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss Study

LANGUAGE GROWTH IS SUPPORTED BY HEARING AID USE

Wearing hearing aids at least 10 hours per day helps children learn language faster than children who do not wear hearing aids consistently, making it more likely they will develop age-appropriate language. Children who wear hearing aids less than 10 hours per day learn language at a slower rate and may fall behind.

Language growth over time

— > 10 hours/day
- - < 10 hours/day

Talk to your provider about how your child hears with hearing aids.

Ask for help if wearing hearing aids is challenging for your child.

Perform daily hearing aid listening checks to ensure good access to speech.

CHILDREN'S LANGUAGE IS IMPACTED BY WHAT YOU SAY

Children learn best when you talk about what they are focused on. When young children gesture or make sounds, talk about what they are looking at. When older children talk, rephrase what they said using slightly longer sentences.

Children learn language and social skills when you talk about what you and others are thinking. Use words like remember, believe, and feel.

Children benefit from language that is a little more complex than what they use. Don't simplify what you say too much.

To make it easier for your child to listen and learn, stay close to your child and limit TV and other noise in your home.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

Sept. 7: Hear Indiana Run for Sound, Fort Harrison State Park, www.hearindiana.org

Sept. 20-21: National Hands and Voices Conference

Sept. 28: Indiana Hands and Voice Polo Match, 1- 4 p.m., www.inhandsandvoices.org

Oct. 26: Indiana Hands and Voices Halloween Weekend at Holiday World

Nov. 2: El Dia De Muertos, Holliday Park, Indianapolis 10 - 11:30 a.m. (Hands and Voices)

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IMPORTANT LINKS

Joint Commission on Infant Hearing
www.jcih.org

National Center for Hearing
Assessment and Management
<http://www.infantheating.org>

We're on the web!

Check out our website at:

www.hearing.in.gov



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