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### Indiana EHDI Matters



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# GUIDE BY YOUR SIDE



Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

#### **EHDI—Staff Highlight**

#### NANCY NELSON REGIONAL AUDIOLOGY CONSULTANT,

Nancy Nelson is a Regional Audiology Consultant in the southeast region of Indiana. Nancy has been a pediatric audiologist since 1984 and a First Steps audiologist since 2000. As a regional consultant, Nancy is responsible for making an annual visit (and countless phone calls and emails!) to each of the hospitals in her region. These hospital visits have given her an appreciation for the excellent newborn hearing screening programs that make Indiana EHDI a national leader. Nancy also works at Indiana University Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Since 1990 Nancy has been a clinical supervisor. In 2000, she became the director of the IU Hearing Clinic. As a pediatric audiologist, Nancy has had the privilege to work with hundreds of families over the years and enjoys the unique/expanding role as a regional consultant because of the nurses and screeners/recorders she has met. The opportunity to work closely with hospital personnel who are involved in the initial screening for hearing loss has been especially rewarding.

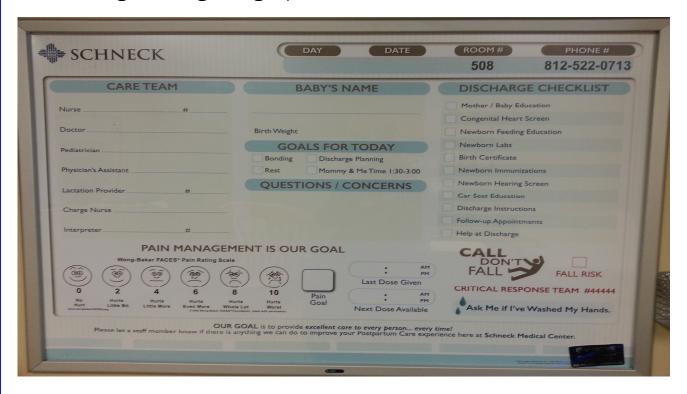
#### **EHDI Advisory Committee**

As a requirement of a new grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, all EHDI chapters were required to establish, or re-establish, an EHDI Advisory Committee (AC). Indiana EHDI established its first AC with the creation of the Program in 2006. Unfortunately, the EHDI AC became inactive in 2012. The purpose of the re-established EHDI AC is to "...implement a multidisciplinary program advisory group or committee to provide advice to the recipient (Indiana EHDI) on potential mechanisms to achieve project objectives and strategies." Indiana's AC will meet for the first time in late January 2017. Representatives on the committee include physicians, parents of children who are deaf/hard of hearing, birthing facilities, Part C, home visiting programs, schools, family organizations, WIC, Early Head Start and more!

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#### **HOSPITAL CORNER**

Nancy Nelson, one of our Audiology Regional Consultants, noticed this whiteboard at Schneck Medical Center. We wanted to share the picture in order to help provide suggestions to facilities for ease of sharing communication among staff regarding a patient.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 26-28	National EHDI Conference: http://ehdiconference.org
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March 25, 2017 EHDI Family Conference: Conner Prairie, Noblesville,

April 5-8, 2017 American Academy of Audiology National Conference

**INDIANAPOLIS** 

www.audiology.org/conferences/audiologynow

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## ATTENTION INDIANA AUDIOLOGISTS! ARE YOU "EHDI READY"?

The American Academy of Audiology annual conference, AudiologyNOW!

April 5-8, 2017

#### In Indianapolis!

The Indiana EHDI program will be in exhibit booth #546, so please stop by and see us! We will have a lot of great information about newborn hearing screening, audiological evaluations and early intervention for children identified as deaf/hard of hearing.

Please check out the conference schedule and program options at:

http://www.audiology.org/conferences/audiologynow

Please contact **Rebekah F. Cunningham** (rcunningham@isdh.in.gov), this year's **Program Chair for AudiologyNOW 2017**, for more information!





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#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- 97% of babies in Indiana receive a newborn hearing screening
- The median age of identification of hearing loss is < three months of age</li>
- The incidence of congenital hearing loss in Indiana is two out of every 1,000 babies born



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#### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

Joint Commission on Infant Hearing www.jcih.org

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management http://www.infanthearing.org

#### For more information:

#### www.hearing.in.gov



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