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EHDI—Staff Highlight

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EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM



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Attention Indiana Audiologists

Please join us for an exciting one-day program specifically designed for pediatric audiologists!

“Diagnosis and Management of Hearing Loss in Children: Setting the Stage for Auditory Experience”

Friday, July 21, 2017

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Government Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

Ryan W. McCreery, Ph.D.

Director of the Center for Audiology

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Baby Friendly hospital guidelines for hearing screenings

The **Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI)**, also known as **Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI)**, is a worldwide program of the [World Health Organization](#) and [UNICEF](#). BFI birthing facilities promote breastfeeding and the practice of mothers and infants remaining together throughout the hospital stay. Becoming a Baby Friendly facility requires intensive training for birthing facility employees to ensure evidence-based maternity care, with the goal of achieving optimal infant feeding outcomes and mother/baby bonding.

Since several (13) Indiana birthing facilities are now Baby Friendly, EHDI would like to provide suggestions for a successful hearing screening, which requires a quiet environment. Hospital personnel are encouraged to screen hearing only in a quiet environment in an effort to obtain accurate results.

- Limit attendance during the screening to only the mom and baby.
- Ensure visitors and staff will not enter the room by placing a sign on the door to let them know a hearing screening is taking place.
- Provide instructions to mom prior to the screening, reminding her of the need for quiet until the end.
- Turn off televisions, radios, cell phones, etc.
- Sample instructions: “Hello, my name is _____. I’m going to be doing your baby’s hearing screening today. I’ll be placing a few sensors on his/her skin or tips in his/her ears. Hearing screenings do not hurt your baby! This will allow me to screen your baby’s hearing. However, in order to get an accurate test, everything and everyone else in the room should remain quiet. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have after the screening. I will let you know when we get started, I first need to prep the baby for the test.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 29, 2017: HEAR Indiana “Talk, Walk Run” at Ft. Harrison State Park
Registration link: <http://www.hearindiana.org>
- July 21, 2017: EHDI Pediatric Audiology Conference:
Diagnosis and Management of Hearing Loss in Children” Ryan McCreery, Ph.D.
- July 29, 2017 Indiana Hands & Voices Polo Party and Fundraiser, Zionsville, IN
Advance ticket sales and auction items: www.inhandsandvoices.org

Have questions? Please contact us to let us know of information you would like to see in future newsletters!

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT MIDWIVES

There are nearly 100 midwives in the State of Indiana. To improve collaboration between all healthcare providers involved in the pre/peri/post birthing processes, we have provided the following information regarding midwives.

Midwives have no formal education

FALSE: There are several types of practicing midwives. Certified professional midwives and certified nurse midwives obtain certification that requires education and practicum experience.

Midwives do not work with physicians

FALSE: Midwives work with all members of the healthcare team, including physicians.

Midwives only focus on pregnancy and birth.

FALSE: Midwives provide healthcare services to women in all stages of life, including general health, screenings/vaccinations, pregnancy and childbirth, postpartum and gynecological care.

Midwives administer medications and order laboratory tests.

TRUE: Depending on the type of certification, a midwife can administer certain medications and order laboratory tests as allowed under Indiana law.

Midwives only attend childbirth in homes.

FALSE: Certified professional midwives practice primarily in homes. Certified nurse midwives practice in different settings, including hospitals, medical offices, free-standing birth centers, clinics, and private settings.

A midwife is the same as a doula.

FALSE: While a doula may offer the same emotional and physical support to a woman during labor as a midwife does, a doula is trained to focus primarily on labor support.

<http://www.frontier.edu/news/busting-midwifery-myths>

<https://www.todaysparent.com/pregnancy/being-pregnant/myths-of-midwifery/>

<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/patients-families/health->

In the next newsletter....

HAAPl: Hearing Aid Assistance Program of Indiana provides hearing aids for deaf and hard of hearing children in the state of Indiana

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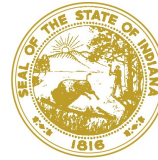
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our website at:**

www.hearing.in.gov

IMPORTANT LINKS

Joint Commission on Infant Hearing
<http://www.jcih.org>

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



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