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Dr. Escobar's primary clinical interests include neonatal-perinatal medicine, general pediatrics, clinical genetics and dysmorphology. His research interest includes craniofacial genetics, hypoxic-ischemic cell injury, and developmental pediatrics – newborn follow-up. He has authored several books, chapters and journal articles in the area of Medical Genetics and Neuro-dysfunction in genetic syndromes. He is a frequent speaker for a large variety of health provider groups, health organizations and interest groups throughout the United States and outside North America.

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Hospital Hearing Screening Tips

In order to obtain the most accurate and efficient hearing screening results, please try the following suggestions:

Quiet Baby: Muscle movement generates brain activity. When a baby is active, the screening device must slow down so that it can accurately detect the fine brainwaves it needs to interpret and generate a result. Therefore, the quieter the baby, the quicker the screen.

Quiet Room: Please complete the hearing screening in a quiet room. Make sure people are not talking or other babies are not crying or making noise.

Time of Screening: Try to select a time when the infant has just been fed. Another good time to screen is after the first bath (during the transition period). While we suggest you wait until the 6th hour of life to screen, it is acceptable to screen during transition, when the baby is in that first deep sleep.

Swaddle the baby: Try to keep the baby tightly snuggled in the blanket. The blanket will not interfere with the function of the device and it will help to keep the baby's movement to a minimum.



JUST ASK LIV!- NEW RESOURCE FOR INDIANA WOMEN

Have you met Liv? She's the new pregnancy mobile app for Indiana women who want the best information and resources to help them take charge of their reproductive health.

Created by the Indiana State Department of Health, the app is for women of any age who are:

- Planning to be pregnant
- Trying to avoid or time pregnancy
- Already pregnant
- Parenting an infant

Liv offers a searchable library filled with dozens of articles, checklists and quizzes in easy-to-understand terms. It is offered in both English and Spanish and based on medical best practices.



Liv also offers interactive resource locators with GPS maps, calculators for due date and baby weight, an interactive journal, an appointment calendar, one-touch phone connection to the MOMS Helpline operated by the Indiana State Department of Health and an "Ask Liv" feature for getting answers not addressed in the app.

Liv works on all iPhone and Android devices and can be downloaded at the iTunes or Google Play stores. Best of all, she's FREE! Don't have a mobile device? Women can find Liv on the internet at www.askliv.com.

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

OUR NEW DIRECTOR and FOLLOW UP COORDINATOR

We are pleased to announce that **Alyssa K. Rex, Au.D.**, is our new EHDl director. For the last few years, Alyssa has tirelessly worked as our follow-up coordinator for EHDl. In addition, Stacy Allgeier joins our staff as the new follow up coordinator. We look forward to the enthusiasm and experience Alyssa and Stacy bring to our program!

Our website has been updated with the new contact information. Please review the fourth page for accurate contact information for our staff and office!

UPDATED LIST OF PEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY PROVIDERS IN INDIANA

Our staff has been working hard the last several months to update Indiana's list of pediatric audiology providers throughout the state who are equipped to provide diagnostic hearing evaluations for babies who refer on their hearing screening at the hospital. This list will be updated on our website in the next month and an email will be sent to all hospitals in the state. Please contact Alyssa K. Rex at arex@isdh.in.gov or Suzanne Foley, lead regional audiology consultant, with any questions regarding this list once



ATTENTION INDIANA AUDIOLOGISTS!! SAVE THE DATE FOR A VALUABLE PEDIATRIC CONFERENCE

Save the Date for the annual EHDl Audiology Conference! Friday, July 20, 2018

Tina Childress, M.A., CCC-A-Educational Audiologist Extraordinaire, will be providing valuable information on Assistive Technology and computer/app applications available for hard of hearing children and students. She will also discuss how clinical audiologists can provide appropriate academic accommodations for our hard of hearing school services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 3, 2018	Indiana EHDl Family Conference –Fishers Indiana
March 18-20, 2018	National EHDl Conference-Denver, CO https://ehdimeeting.org/
April 4-5, 2018	Indiana Speech Language and Hearing Association Conference www.islha.org
April 18-21, 2018	American Academy of Audiology Convention—Nashville, TN www.audiology.org
July 20, 2018	EHDl Pediatric Conference-Tina Childress, M.A., CCC-A, Indianapolis

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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>

**We're on the web! Check out
 our website at:**

www.hearing.in.gov



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Guide By Your Side Parent Guides:

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