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Division of Maternal and Child Health - Genomics and Newborn Screening
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI Program)

EHDI Highlight : Onsite Staff

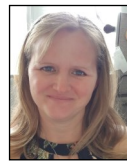
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Julie Swaim and **Lisa Wolfe** are **Parent Consultants with EHDI**. They contact families of babies who do not pass their newborn hearing screening. They call after a baby is 10 days old to reinforce the importance of the follow-up hearing evaluation. They also provide families information on appropriate resources if needed and answer any questions they may have.



Julie Swaim and her husband Gary have two children. Her son, Grayson, had meningitis when he was 10 months old, which resulted in a profound hearing loss. He was implanted with a cochlear implant in 1994. He is married, lives in Indianapolis and works as a data analyst. Julie's daughter lives in Seattle.



Lisa Wolfe and her husband, Eric, have a son, Jake, who was born at 23 weeks weighing a little more than a pound. Jake is now 10 years old. Jake was given Ototoxic meds in the NICU and also has enlarged vestibular aqueducts and a slight Mondini Deformity, all of which contributed to a bilateral sensorineural hearing loss. He wears bilateral cochlear implants and attends his neighborhood mainstream school.



Stacy Allgeier is the **follow-up coordinator for the EHDI program**. She works closely with hospitals, audiologists and families to ensure their children get the appropriate follow-up and resources during and after identification. She also works with Indiana hospitals to help report information on all the newborn hearing screening data in the state. Stacy's involvement with children who are deaf or hard of hearing began in 2008 when her daughter failed her newborn hearing screen and was later diagnosed with single-sided deafness. Stacy and her husband, Matt, have three children and are life-long Hoosiers.



Lisa Condes is the **program coordinator for the Indiana Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side program**. Lisa and her husband Scott have five kids, four of them are adults and living in different places in the country and world. Yeahsen is her youngest and is in 10th grade. He is deaf and received bilateral cochlear implants when he was 18 months old. He has a rare chromosome deletion and autism, and the world's greatest smile. She is passionate about connecting to families and supporting them on this journey of raising our deaf and hard of hearing children.



Graciela Medina is the **administrative assistant** for the EHDI team. She works diligently to provide communication and EHDI resources to hospitals and families. Graciela and her husband Omar have two children ages 8 and 10 years old.



SAFE SLEEP COLLABORATIVE

DO YOU KNOW THE MOST CURRENT SAFE SLEEP PROTOCOLS FOR INFANTS?

The Indiana Department of Health's (ISDH's) educational materials focus on three key risk reduction recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Institutes of Health. They say infants sleep safest:

1. ALONE
2. on their **BACK**
3. in a **CRIB**

ISDH is committed to the proper education of all parents and caregivers with regard to providing a safe sleep environment for their infants. It is crucial that we and our partnering agencies provide a clear, consistent education message to the public to promote safe sleep.



JUST ASK LIV!- A 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 ISDH, 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 Dept of Health.

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? Find Liv on the internet at www.askliv.com.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT MCH MOM'S HELPLINE IS AND HOW IT CAN HELP INDIANA MOMS?

The Helpline provides valuable healthcare information and referral services to healthcare providers:

- Educates and advocates on behalf of moms and pregnant women
- Assists uninsured moms with finding sliding fee scale options and open door clinics
- Connects families with organizations to help with agencies such as WIC, immunizations and baby programs.
- Offers interpretation assistance to moms who require different needs and connect them with case managers
- Provides information on transportation, education, behavioral health, nutrition and housing assistance



The key to a healthy baby and a happy mom

1-844-MCH-MOMS (1-844-624-6667)

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. EST Monday-Friday

Voicemail available outside of regular business hours

Spanish-speaking specialists are available

Language line is available

<http://www.MOMSHelpline.isdh.IN.gov>

EHDI at the inaugural state First Steps Conference

On June 14 and 15, the EHDI Program had the opportunity to attend the inaugural First Steps state conference as presenters and exhibitors.

We presented information on “Audiology 101” for service coordinators and ongoing providers and an EHDI update on newborn hearing screening efforts in Indiana!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hear Indiana “Run for Sound”

Saturday, September 8, 2018

<https://www.hearindiana.org/runforsound>

Indiana Hands and Voices Polo Match Saturday, September 29, 2018

<http://www.inhandsandvoices.org/>

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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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