

## **Families**

Hello families of young deaf and hard of hearing children!

We would like your participation in our newly formed Colorado Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Alliance Parent/Guardian Task Force.

The Colorado EHDI Alliance is a novel state-wide organization funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) that seeks to refresh the EHDI system, increase collaboration, and enhance services for families of deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHH) children. The goal is that all infants and toddlers who are DHH and their families have access to a cohesive early identification and intervention system in our state.

As we continue to refresh the elements of the statewide system including screening, identification, early intervention, and family support; it is our goal to bring all system stakeholders to the table. As parents of DHH children, you are one of the most important stakeholders in the Colorado EHDI system. To this end, we need your help as we create a parent/guardian task force. This task force will work to make sustainable enhancements to the statewide system of services. In order to accomplish our goals, we will benefit from the participation of families around the state. We hope you will consider joining this task force.

You may be wondering what some of the things are that we might work on. Some issues this task force might tackle are:

- Assuring all families have access to parent support throughout the state
- Supporting the use of telehealth to provide services and supports
- Tailoring services to be linguistically accessible and culturally supportive
- Ensuring that a diverse representation of DHH family voices are present in all EHDI discussions

We would appreciate your participation! Meetings will be held in an online format via Zoom. The time commitment is expected to be about 4 hours per month. If you would like to join this task force, please complete this [Registration Form](#) no later than June 30, 2020.

We look forward to working with you!!

## **DHH Adults**

Hello Colorado Deaf and Hard of Hearing adults!

We would like your participation in our newly formed Colorado Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Alliance DHH Adults Task Force.

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As we continue to refresh the elements of the statewide system including screening, identification, early intervention, and family support; it is our goal to bring all system stakeholders to the table. As DHH adults, you are one of the most important stakeholders in the Colorado EHDI system. To this end, we need your help as we create a DHH Adult Task Force. This Task Force will work to make sustainable enhancements to the statewide system of services. In order to accomplish our goals, we will benefit from the participation of DHH adults around the state. We hope you will consider joining this task force.

You may be wondering what some of the things are that we might work on. Some issues this task force might tackle are:

- Assuring all families have access to parent support throughout the state
- Supporting the use of telehealth to provide services and supports
- Tailoring services to be linguistically accessible and culturally supportive
- Ensuring that a diverse representation of DHH family voices are present in all EHDI discussions
- Ensuring that a variety of DHH adult experiences are considered in all EHDI discussions

To achieve our goal, we are creating task forces to consider next steps and to make recommendations to the CO EHDI Alliance. A new focus of HRSA, and the Colorado EHDI Alliance, is creating a statewide program in which Deaf/Hard of Hearing adults provide direct support to families. Conceptualizing this program will be one of the first topics this task force discusses.

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We look forward to working with you!!