

HEARING SCREENING MONTHLY

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What is EHDI?

The Colorado EHDI system is a joint effort among many agencies including the Colorado Department of Human Services, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, and programs in local hospitals and clinics.

The success of our EHDI system relies on the input from all of our stakeholders—including professionals like you! You can learn more about our state program by visiting the [new Colorado EHDI website](#).

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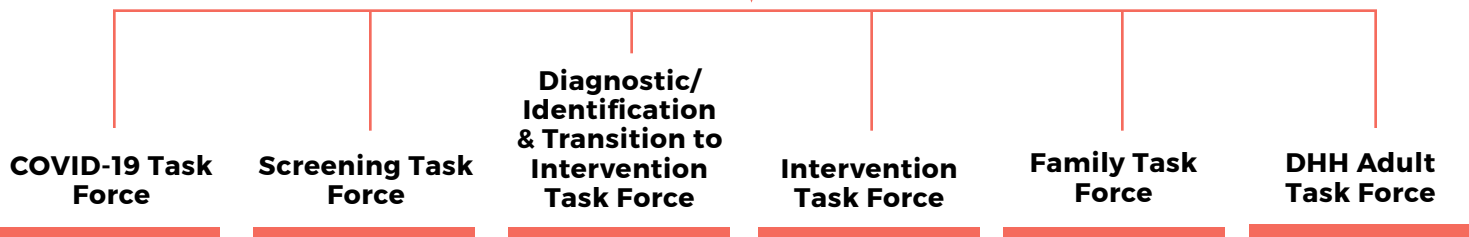
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2019 and 2020 Data Entry Reminder!

In addition to entering current data for infants born in 2021, we encourage you to prioritize data entry of 2019 and 2020 data, in that order, with 2019 data first, into the new Health Information Data Systems (HIDS) database. Tracking screening data helps us optimize our state program to better serve infants with hearing loss and their families.

1-3-6 is Key

The key to optimizing outcomes for infants and children with hearing loss depends on early screening, identification, and intervention. The Joint Committee on Infant Health (JCIH) recommends adherence to a 1-3-6 timeline (screen by one month, diagnose by three months, enter intervention before six months of age).

Our Roadmap to Success

We achieve success by sticking to our 1-3-6 *Roadmap* created by Colorado Hands & Voices. This *Roadmap* was designed for families as they embark on their hearing loss journey. Hands & Voices has worked with local community members to develop their own customized *Roadmap*. You can access customized community *Roadmaps* through the [Colorado Hands & Voices website](#). Please reach out to the Colorado EHDI Coordinator, Arlene Stredler Brown, if you would like to create a customized *Roadmap* for your facility.

1 Month Screening

Infants should receive a hearing screening no later than 1 month of age. This includes all babies born at home, at a birthing center, or in a hospital.

Re-Screening

If a child does not pass their newborn hearing screening in either ear, they should be referred for a re-screening (also called a 2nd screen).

3 Months Identification

Infants who do not pass their screening/re-screening should receive a comprehensive diagnostic audiological evaluation by 3 months of age. It is important that infants see a licensed audiologist with extensive experience in pediatric diagnosis and intervention so that they can receive optimum care.

6 Months Intervention

The audiologist, in conjunction with the Regional Colorado Hearing Resource (CO-Hear) Coordinator, and Early Intervention Part C, can provide family-centered early intervention, including educating families about communication options, hearing technology, and helping them to access early intervention services.

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