

**Colorado EHDI
DHHDB Adult Task Force**

Meeting Notes
August 9, 2021

Attendees	
Name	Role/Agency
Heather Abraham	Facilitator
Aaron Rose	DHHDB Adult
Kathy Sevier	DHHDB Adult
Megan Thomas	DHHDB Adult
Sarah Honigfeld	DHHDB Adult
Lauren Alexander	DHHDB Adult
Sara Robinson	DHHDB Adult
Lauren Sandal	DHHDB Adult
Claudia Hopkins	DHHDB Adult

Agenda Overview

Outcomes:

- Updates and collection of feedback regarding a variety of EHDI initiatives

Agenda:

- *Introductions*
- *Ascent Program*

- EHDI Updates
- *Wrap Up*

Accommodations Provided: ASL Interpreters, Cued Speech Transliterators, Live Captioning Enabled

Agenda/Actions/Decisions		
Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decision
Ascent Program	<p><i>Number of Adults Trained:</i> 13 (planning to conduct another training in Fall, 2021)</p> <p>Family Visits <i>Requests:</i> 7</p> <p><i>Age of Children:</i> 6.5 weeks - 2 years old</p> <p><i>Topics Families Would Like to Discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having adults describe their experiences growing up (7) • Having adults describe their own educational experiences (7) • Having adults describe current work/career experiences (6) • Learning about communication opportunities (6) • Gaining perspectives on advocacy (5) • Helping my child develop healthy identity (5) • Helping me to receive support and guidance in accessing resources (6) <p><i>Number of Visits Requested from Adult(s):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 Visits (3) • 3-4 Visits (1) • 5-6 Visits (1) • Ongoing Visits (2) 	<p>Program Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training in Fall 2021 to expand diversity and geographic representation of DHHDB adults • Increase reach of advertisement for program to increase utilization.

	<p><i>Frequency of Visits Requested:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One visit for now (6) ● 1x/month (1) <p>Family Events</p> <p><i>Number of Requests: 5</i></p> <p><i>Type of Events:</i></p> <p>Family Gathering in Park: 4 Deaf + Autism Family Day: 1</p> <p><i>Location of Event:</i> Littleton (1), Colorado Springs (4)</p> <p><i>Number of DHHDB Families Attending:</i> 5-15 per event</p> <p>The group discussed various ways that the Ascent Program can be accessed and utilized for a variety of events that include participants of families of children, birth-3 years of age.</p> <p>Colorado EHDl would like input on a sign name for the program. Members of the task force will submit ideas to Heather and the group will identify an official sign name.</p>	
<p>Family-to-Family Supports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working collaboratively with family organizations, both family-led and non-family led, to create a system for data collection regarding F2F supports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data sets have been identified and a mechanism for collection is being created. ● Working to increase collaboration with family support organizations around the state to increase participation in EHDl activities, information sharing opportunities and to increase identification of family needs throughout the state. 	<p>N/A</p>

Screening Task Force	<p>Newborn Hearing Screening Brochure - focus on midwives but requested from physicians and birthing facilities to utilize there too. Making sure that readability level is appropriate to ensure that all families can access it.</p> <p>Teleaudiology Initiative - working to increase access to audiology services for families throughout the state with the identification of a clinical “hub” site and remote sites around the state. EHDI has currently identified the western slope as a pilot area for this initiative.</p>	N/A
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Next Meeting(s)		
DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEMS
November 8, 2021	2:00-3:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on EHDI Initiatives

*A note about accommodations: Beginning February 1, 2021, all Alliance meeting and task force meeting accommodations (e.g., American Sign Language interpreters, Cued Language Transliterators, and/or Spanish translators) must be requested at least 72 business hours or 3 business days in advance. **Requests may be made by contacting your task force facilitator.** We will also enable Zoom's Live Transcription feature for all meetings.*