# Colorado EHDI DHHDB Adult Task Force

## **Meeting Notes**

February 14, 2021

Attendees		
Name	Role/Agency	
Heather Abraham	Facilitator	
Aaron Rose	DHHDB Adult	
Roseane O'Connor	DHHDB Adult	
Robin Getz	DHHDB Adult	
Sara Robinson	DHHDB Adult	
Lauren Alexander	DHHDB Adult	

## **Agenda Overview**

#### **Outcomes:**

- Updates and collection of feedback regarding a variety of initiatives
- Increased focus for Ascent Program promotional videos

### Agenda:

- Introductions (15 Minutes)
- Announcements (5 Minutes)
- EHDI Updates (20 Minutes)
- Ascent Program Video (30 Minutes)
- Wrap Up (1 Minute)

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

Agenda/Actions/Decisions				
Agenda Items	Discussion	Action/Decision		
Announcements	The group discussed the current meeting time and whether or not to send out a poll to see if adjusting the time might support the attendance of task force members. It was decided that this time was meeting the needs of many of the members, so the group decided to stay with the same time.	n/a		
EHDI Updates	<ul> <li>National EHDI Conference</li> <li>All virtual this year</li> <li>EHDI is supporting a member of the DHHDB Task Force and a parent in addition to some EHDI staff.</li> <li>Sara R. mentioned that she is presenting with Allison Cunningham on a session about the assumptions people make about people who are deaf and hard of hearing.</li> <li>NBHS Brochure</li> <li>This brochure was originally conceived of by the Screening Task Force because midwives requested it. After a long process, it has been reviewed by all task forces and the Alliance and as much feedback as possible has been incorporated.</li> <li>The brochure is currently being translated into Spanish &amp; ASL and will be disseminated to midwives, birthing centers that screen, and pediatric audiologists. It will be available on our website with both a printed and electronic version.</li> <li>UHL/SSD</li> <li>The Diagnostic/Identification and Transition to Intervention Task Force has identified that there is underutilization of available resources for families of children with UHL/SSD.</li> <li>An infographic is being created to help educate families regarding why follow up is important and how to access available supports.</li> </ul>	See individual discussion items		

## **FAMILY Assessment** • The Early Intervention Task Force has identified an opportunity to increase collaboration with Part C and school districts regarding the use of the FAMILY Assessment. This conversation is ongoing to help teams make use of this valuable information in planning interventions and supports for children. **Continuous Screening Plan** • HRSA has asked states to develop continuous screening plans to identify avenues, statewide, to ensure that families have access to screening birth to 3 years of age, not only at the time of birth. This plan is being developed and is due next year. • Aaron mentioned that this is a focus of his organization and of the Marion Downs Center. He also emphasized the importance of screening happening at the private schools. He offered to support EHDI in these efforts regarding continuous screening. **Diversity & Inclusion Plan** • HRSA is also requiring the development of a Diversity & Inclusion plan, due in April 2022. • A group of interested stakeholders has been identified to review and provide feedback on this plan. The focus will be on LatinX families who live in rural areas. Rosane offered to participate in this work. **Ascent Program** A document was shared with the group regarding some brainstorming ideas Continue the work of conceptualization and production of video. for a promotional video for the Ascent Program. This idea originally came Video from the DHHDB Adult Task Force. Small groups reviewed the document and provided feedback.

In regard to the Ascent Program, the group asked for feedback from families who have used the program about what they see as the benefits of it and what information they want to get from the adults with whom they visit.

Next Meeting(s)			
DATE	TIME	AGENDA ITEMS	
May 9, 2022	2:00-3:30 PM	Update on EHDI Initiatives	

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