**EHDI Staff Highlight: Christo Andrews**

Christo Andrews is our EHDI IT Programmer and Developer (extraordinaire.) Over the last two years Christo has been instrumental in fixing, updating and improving the Early Alert Response System (EARS.) Christo works at the EHDI office two days a week so he understands the EHDI process and the importance of accurate data reporting. Christo and his wife Togin, live in Indianapolis with their 19-month-old daughter Diya. Christo is originally from India and earned his master’s degree in San Diego. Christo has previous experience working for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and we are grateful to have his expertise in the Hoosier state and for our EHDI program.

**EHDI 2018 Fun Facts**

**Birth Hospitals by number of births in 2018**

- Community Hospital North Indianapolis,
- Women’s Hospital, Evansville,
- Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital
- Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne
- St. Vincent’s Women’s Hospital, Indianapolis

- The age of birth mothers in 2018 ranged from 13 to 63 years old.
- 27 year old mothers had the highest number of births.
- Average weight gain of mothers during pregnancy was 29 pounds.
- Approximately 2 percent of babies born in Indiana were home births.
## EHDI Data 2017: By the Numbers

### INDIANA 2017 DATA

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<td>Total births in Indiana</td>
<td>80,316</td>
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<td>Total with hearing screens completed</td>
<td>76,876</td>
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<td>Total Did Not Pass hearing screens</td>
<td>2,817</td>
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### Final Status of Children Who Did Not Pass UNHS (N=2,817)

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<td>2,037</td>
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<td>Identified with Hearing Loss</td>
<td>193</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>In Process</td>
<td>105</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Deceased/Medically fragile</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Refused/Declined</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>4%</td>
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<td>Contacted but unresponsive</td>
<td>233</td>
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### IDENTIFICATION OF HEARING LOSS (N=113)

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<td>Permanent hearing loss (before 3 months)</td>
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<td>Permanent hearing loss (after 3 months)</td>
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### TOTAL IDENTIFIED RECEIVING EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

About 75 percent of children identified with hearing loss receive early intervention services.
Featured Infographic about parental engagement from Boys Town National Research Hospital:

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
Results from the Outcomes of Children with Hearing Loss Study

Language growth is supported by hearing aid use

Wearing hearing aids at least 10 hours per day helps children learn language faster than children who do not wear hearing aids consistently, making it more likely they will develop age-appropriate language. Children who wear hearing aids less than 10 hours per day learn language at a slower rate and may fall behind.

Talk to your provider about how your child hears with hearing aids.
Ask for help if wearing hearing aids is challenging for your child.
Perform daily hearing aid listening checks to ensure good access to speech.

Children’s language is impacted by what you say

Children learn best when you talk about what they are focused on. When young children gesture or make sounds, talk about what they are looking at. When older children talk, rephrase what they said using slightly longer sentences.

Children learn language and social skills when you talk about what you and others are thinking. Use words like remember, believe, and feel.
Children benefit from language that is a little more complex than what they use. Don’t simplify what you say too much.
To make it easier for your child to listen and learn, stay close to your child and limit TV and other noise in your home.

Learn more at www.OCHLSTUDY.ORG

Upcoming Events 2019

Sept. 7: Hear Indiana Run for Sound, Fort Harrison State Park, www.hearindiana.org
Sept. 20-21: National Hands and Voices Conference
Sept. 28: Indiana Hands and Voice Polo Match, 1-4 p.m., www.inhandsandvoices.org
Oct. 26: Indiana Hands and Voices Halloween Weekend at Holiday World
Nov. 2: El Dia De Muertos, Holliday Park, Indianapolis 10 - 11:30 a.m. (Hands and Voices)
Indiana State Department of Health
Division of Maternal and Child Health
- Genomics and Newborn Screening
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI Program)

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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

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www.hearing.in.gov