

Indiana EHDI Mission Statement*

The mission of the Indiana EHDI program is to have a complete EHDI tracking and surveillance system that ensures children with hearing loss achieve communication and social skills commensurate with their cognitive abilities. To do this, it is essential that infants with hearing loss are identified early, receive early family support, and appropriate intervention services are initiated. With early identification, intervention, and family support, children with hearing loss should experience successful outcomes in the development of communication, cognitive, and social skills similar to their hearing peers.

Goal 1: All newborns will be screened for hearing loss before one month of age, preferably before hospital discharge.

Goal 2: All infants who screen positive will have a diagnostic audiologic evaluation before 3 months of age.

Goal 3: All infants identified with a hearing loss will receive appropriate early intervention services before 6 months of age.

Goal 4: All infants and children with late onset, progressive or acquired hearing loss will be identified at the earliest possible time.

Goal 5: All infants with hearing loss will have a medical home.

Goal 6: Indiana will have a complete EHDI Tracking and Surveillance System that will minimize loss to follow-up.

Goal 7: Every state will have a comprehensive system that monitors and evaluates the progress towards the EHDI Goals and Objectives.

*Modified from CDC national EHDI mission statement and goals