EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION (EHDI) PROGRAM

You can use the following contacts to obtain more information:

EHDI Program Director, call 317-232-0972

Stacy Allgeier, Follow up Coordinator, at SAllgeier@isdh.in.gov or 317-233-1264.

Suzanne M. Foley, M.S., CCC-A, Lead Regional Audiology Consultant at Sfoley@isdh.in.gov or 317-339-1328.

Lisa Condes, EHDI Guide By Your Side Coordinator (317) 233.7686 or 855.875.5193

Why is hearing screening part of Indiana’s newborn screen?

Simple tests can be used to screen a baby’s hearing immediately after birth. All babies can and should have their hearing screened before they leave the hospital (or before they are one month of age). It is important to find hearing loss early, so a baby has the best chance possible to learn to communicate. Each year in the US, approximately 2 – 3 out of every 1,000 children are born with permanent hearing loss.

Without newborn hearing screening, most of these children would not be identified with hearing loss during babyhood.

By including hearing screening in Indiana’s newborn screen, most of these children can be identified before 3 months of age and obtain early intervention services by 6 months of age.