



Iowa's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

Iowa's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program Goal/Services:

- To develop and sustain a comprehensive coordinated system of care for Early Hearing Detection and intervention in Iowa.
- Provide technical assistance to birthing hospitals, Area Education Agencies, and private practice audiologists relative to the hearing screening program and their responsibility under the law.
- Statewide implementation of a Web-based surveillance system to assure all newborns are screened for hearing loss and receive follow up services, as needed.
- Facilitate data integration linkages with related screening, tracking, and surveillance programs to minimize infants "lost to follow-up".
- Meet the [National EHDI Goal](#) of **1-3-6**.

"1" - All infants are screened for hearing loss before **1 month** of age, preferably before hospital discharge.

"3" - All infants who do not pass the screening will have a diagnostic audiologic evaluation before **3 months** of age.

"6" - All infants identified with a hearing loss receive appropriate early intervention services before **6 months** of age.

- Review data to identify children with potential for hearing loss to ensure those children receive appropriate, timely early intervention services.
- Collaborate with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part C (Early ACCESS) to strengthen early intervention services for children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.
- Ensure families with children zero to three who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or at risk of late-onset hearing loss will be linked to a medical home and receive family-to-family support.