

**Wyoming Department of Health
Behavioral Health Division
Early Intervention and Education Program
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program
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Date _____

Dear Early Intervention Provider:

The Wyoming Department of Health – Behavioral Health Division, Early Intervention and Education Program, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program, would like to invite you to participate in the Wyoming EHDI Database Project. The Wyoming EHDI Database is operational and currently available to facilities that provide early intervention services for Wyoming children.

The Wyoming EHDI database currently has more than 20,000 Wyoming children's birth hearing screening records stored on the central database. The 21 Wyoming birthing hospitals have made a successful effort to submit hearing screening data. Historical EHDI records since 2004 have been entered into the Wyoming EHDI database.

Early intervention providers/programs expend valuable energy completing and tracking hearing screening results for Wyoming children so that appropriate follow-up occurs. The intent of the Wyoming EHDI Database is to centralize a child's EHDI record so no matter where a child is seen for their next hearing screening or diagnostic audiological evaluation, the early intervention provider has one place to go to obtain a child's complete EHDI record. The results of the hearing screenings obtained by Child Development Center personnel may be directly entered into the EHDI database through the web application.

There are several useful management tools available to the service providers through the EHDI Database web application. These tools include:

- ⌚ Child's individual EHDI birth record
- ⌚ Risk factors present at birth as they relate to late onset hearing loss
- ⌚ History of subsequent hearing screening results for each individual child
- ⌚ Printable reports of the child's hearing screening results
- ⌚ Monthly submission of hearing screening data to WY EHDI program
- ⌚ "To Do" List for managing the early intervention facility's hearing screening list

The Wyoming Department of Health is a covered entity under HIPAA. Data sharing agreements with the providers will protect the confidentiality of the EHDI record. User ID and passwords will be established to allow early intervention program staff access to the EHDI database. Copies of the data sharing agreements are enclosed for your reference.

The Wyoming EHDI Program staff are available to discuss the opportunity for you to participate with the Wyoming EHDI Database. They are also available to conduct an onsite demonstration of the web application, if needed. Please call us at 307-721-6212 to discuss any needs you may have as it pertains to the Wyoming EHDI Database.

This is a great opportunity for the Wyoming Department of Health – Behavioral Health Division, Early Intervention and Education Program, EHDI Program to partner with early intervention program staff to further improve the quality of development for Wyoming children. We look forward to working with you. Please call if you have any comments, questions or concerns regarding the enclosed paperwork.

Sincerely,

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EHDI Follow Up Coordinator

Enclosures:
Provider Enrollment Agreement
Individual User and Confidentiality Agreement