





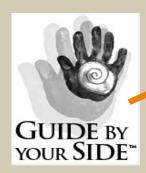
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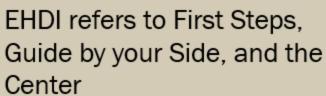


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### Potential Loss to Follow Up



# Indiana EHDI and Guide by Your Side



- Indiana State Department of Health program- within Maternal and Child Health division
- Staff: (5 out of 6 are parents of deaf and hard of hearing child)
- Opportunities: HRSA, providing parent to parent support & El
- Collaboration with Hands & Voices Guide By Your Side was created

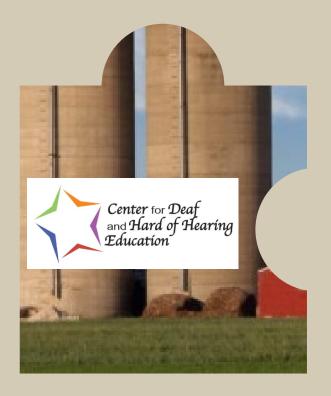


## Indiana EHDI and Guide by Your Side

- Direct referral to GBYS upon identification
- Parent Guides (Business Associates/Contractors for ISDH)
- Parent Guides enter early intervention outcomes into EHDI database for EHDI to meet their 6 month EI goal
- EHDI Family Connect; EHDI Family Conference

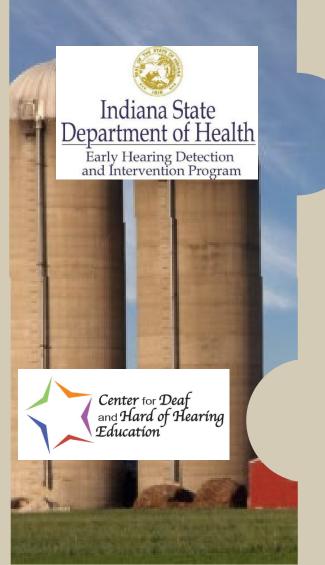
# Indiana EHDI & Center: Relationship and MOU language

- Creation of the Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education- 2012
  - Program within Indiana State Department of Health
  - 'Sister' program with Indiana EHDI





## Indiana EHDI & Center: Relationship and MOU language



#### MOU includes:

- Data sharing
- Shared Consent & Release form
- HIPAA & FERPA

- MOU Assists with:
  - The Center's awareness of all identified children
  - Lost to follow up to early intervention services

### Center and Indiana First Steps: Strengthening a Collaborative Relationship

 First Steps is the Part C program in Indiana- statewide early intervention services

 The Center is a First Steps enrolled provider agency- providing statewide DHH specialized services

> First Steps serves ~26,000 children statewide

Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education

- Indiana identifies ~200-250 deaf and hard of hearing children annually (600-750 birth to three)
- Center is serving ~300 deaf and hard of hearing children as First Steps agency



### Center and Indiana First Steps: Strengthening a Collaborative Relationship



- The Center has been identified as a essential partner, provider, and resource for children and families identified
- The Center provides presentations and educational materials for early intervention personnel
- Together we ensure services for DHH children and their families are
  - family centered
  - promote language rich environments
  - are culturally competent
  - contain accurate and balanced information by trained personnel

How EHDI and Center data systems have helped loss to follow up to diagnosis- including data over time

- Ears reports designed by Christo
- Quarterly follow up quality assurance procedures-timed with alerts
- Access to Paris to look up children who are unknown to EHDI by diagnosis and EI status
- Paris and Ears reports to share with unknown data to investigate
- We receive alerts in our system for unknown screening or untimely or incomplete diagnostic data.



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Connecting information from the Center (e.g. First Steps referral tracking) and parent to parent outreach- ensuring children reach early intervention servicesusing both the EHDI (EARS) and Center (Paris) data systems.





How early intervention data led to future planning with First Steps



Future ideas to continue filling holes

- WIC Collaboration- data sharing
- Teleintervention
- Training current qualified professionals as DHH specialists
- Additional check-ins from Parent Guides throughout El journey
- Monitoring language development systematically
- Physician training (updated tool kit)



