

Alaska Early Hearing and Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program

Sample Population

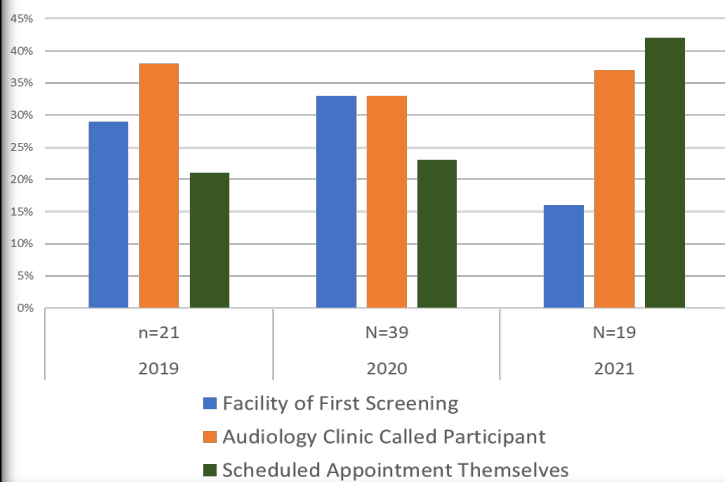
Families of infants born between Jan 1, 2019-March 30, 2020. The sample includes referred for follow-up hearing screening without documented timely follow up, as well as those children identified as permanent deaf or hard of hearing.

108 sampled, 39 responded

6 responded their infants received permanent hearing loss diagnosis

64% of infants referred to audiologist

Who Scheduled Audiology Appointment of Those Who Made an Appointment



Family Survey

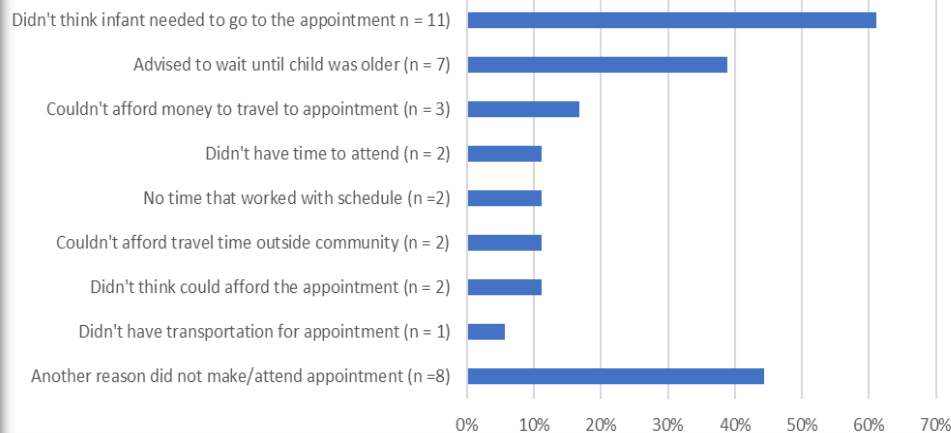
The survey was created to be used in conjunction with other data to evaluate the protective practices, and barriers to obtaining follow up services.

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved family survey is conducted by University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Center for Human Development (CHD) through a contractual arrangement.

Based on survey results, AK EHDI:

- * Changed grant for deaf family navigation to include referrals for at-risk families
- * Plans to decrease the referral time after newborn hearing screening for at-risk families to deaf family navigation
- * Increased communication with primary care providers

If no appointment was made or kept, why not?



Other factors reported for not attending appts:

- * Pandemic related
- * No childcare for other children
- * Infant was hospitalized
- * Machine malfunction
- * Difficulties holding the child during testing
- * 12 of 18 participants indicated two or more reasons