



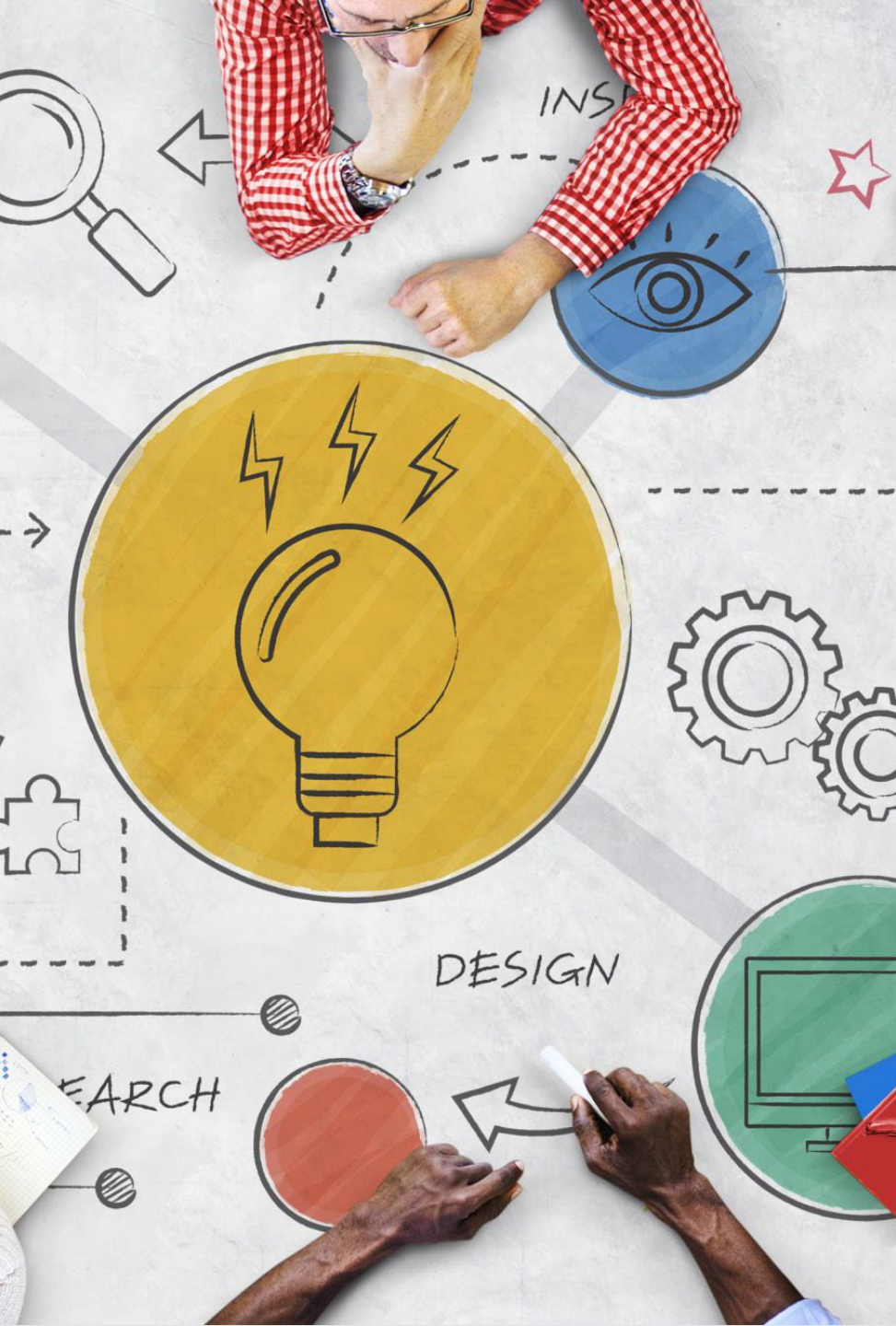
*Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
Pediatric Audiology Links to Services*

EHDI PALS

National EHDI Conference 2023

Randi Winston-Gerson, AuD
NCHAM Program Manager

Karen M. Ditty, AuD
NCHAM Audiology Consultant



Today's Discussion



- ❖ Overview of the EHDI-PALS website and program
 - Purpose, mission, goals and objectives
 - Background / Historical Perspective
 - Advisory Committee
- ❖ Updates over the past year
- ❖ Website tour of program features, tools and resources
 - Families
 - EHDI Programs
 - Audiologists
 - Professionals
- ❖ Promoting Stakeholder Collaboration and Interprofessional Relationships
- ❖ Questions



Advisory Committee Organizations

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- American Academy of Audiology (AAA)
- Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH)
- National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM)
- National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (NECTAC), Regional Resource Center Program
- Directors of Speech and Hearing Programs in State Health & Welfare Agencies (DSHPSHWA)
- Hands & Voices (H&V)
- Healthcare Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- State EHDI Programs
- University of Maine Center for Research and Evaluation

Mission Statement



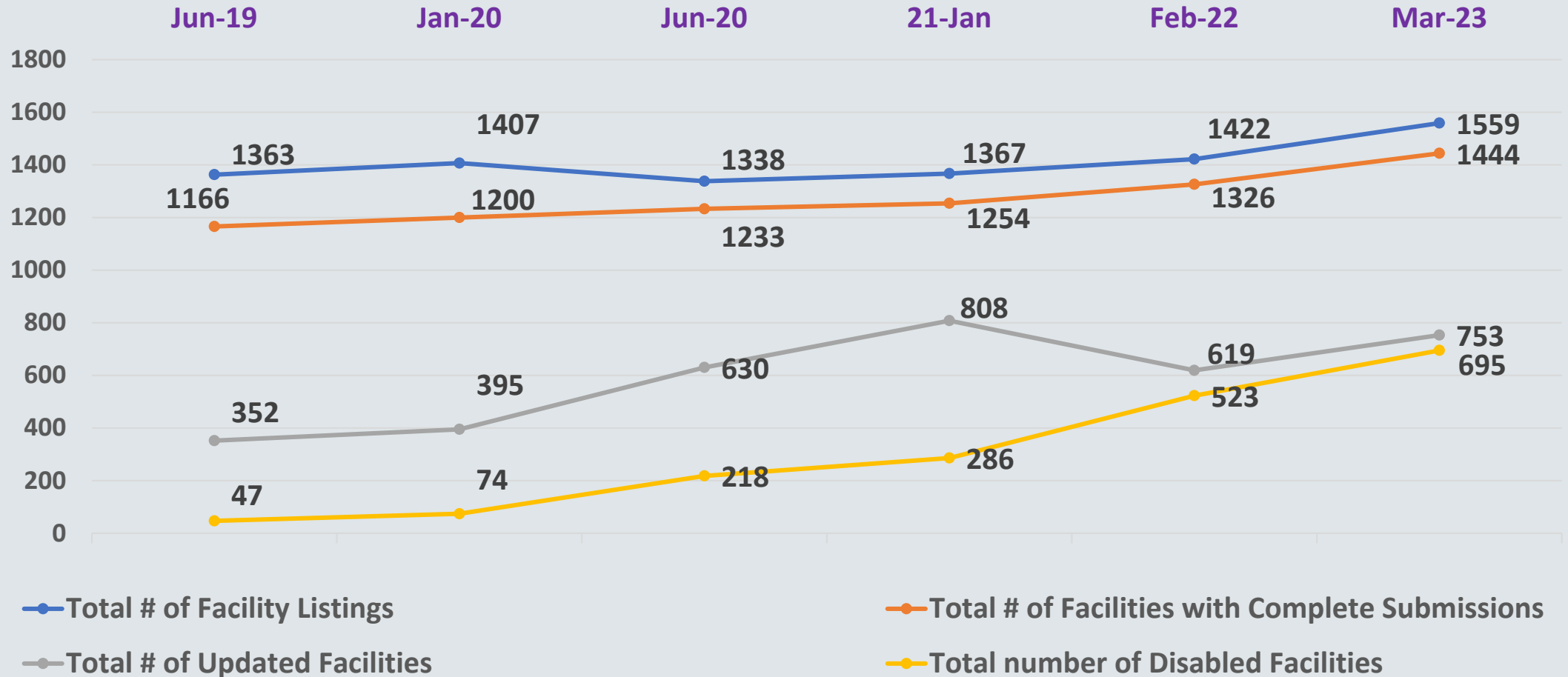
EHDI-PALS is a web-based searchable national directory. It helps families, healthcare professionals, and state public health organizations find pediatric audiology expertise for children ages birth to five. The website provides information about childhood hearing to support families and professionals through the process of screening, diagnosis, and intervention.

Measures of Success



- All facilities are enrolled, updated and accurate
 - Successful if families, HC professionals and providers can find the accurate pediatric audiology expertise they need, when they need it
 - Updated annually and/or when services or facility info changes
- Widespread use by families, related professionals and organizations as a tool to identify services and quality resources
 - Dissemination of pediatric audiology resources is streamlined
 - Duplication of efforts is minimized

Registered Facilities



Alignment with NOFO (HRSA-20-047)



- Assists with meeting EHDI 1-3-6 goals
- Supports the **empowerment of families** to understand and find local resources available for audiological needs
- Provides opportunities for EHDI programs to **establish and maintain partnerships** with audiologists and facilities that provide audiological services. (NOFO Program description A.3., page 10)
- Provides opportunities to **educate** EHDI Advisory Committee, health professionals and service providers on **best practices** for pediatric audiology. (NOFO Program description A.4., page 10, Section B, page 12)
- Offers **easy to use links (badges)** for EHDI Program website with user friendly with accessible, culturally appropriate information for families and professionals that is accurate, comprehensive, up-to-date, and evidence-based. (NOFO Program description A.7., page 11)

Updates/Enhancements



Past year updates

- Update facility survey
- Addition of outpatient screening facilities
- Reminder letter template feature
- Google search
- Search portal for professionals
- PEP Checklist Additions
- Rebuild professional resources for audiologists

Upcoming

- Analytics overhaul
- Additional parent search portal languages
- Update look and feel of facility comparison pages

Promoting EHDI Practices (PEP)



- Committee dedicated to the development and dissemination of educational resources for families and professionals based on the JCIH 2019 Position Statement
- [Checklists developed for families and professionals to help promote best practices](https://www.illinoisoundbeginnings.com) <https://www.illinoisoundbeginnings.com>

Professionals

- Hearing Evaluation
- Amplification
- Risk Factors
- Audiology Oversight
- Newborn Hearing screening
- Early Childhood Screening

Families (Draft)

- Newborn Hearing Screening
- Early Intervention
- Audiology Evaluation
- Medical Home

Professional Enhancements: Speakers and Videos /Documents/Links



James Hall, PhD



Shane Moodie M.Cl.Sc.



Diane Sabo, PhD



Christine Yoshinaga-Itano PhD



Lisa Hunter PhD



Kris English PhD



Kristin Uhler, PhD



Marlene Bagatto AuD PhD



Kelly Baroch AuD



Lee Van Middlesworth, MS

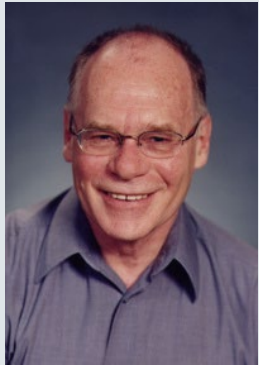


Patricia Roush AuD



Tommy Evans, AuD

Previous Presenters and more....



Dr. Richard Seewald



Judy Gravel, PhD



Roger Ruth PhD



Jackson Roush, PhD



Sheila Moody



Ryan McCreery PhD



Karen Ditty AuD



Terry Foust AuD



Erika Blanchard, AuD



Karen Munoz EdD

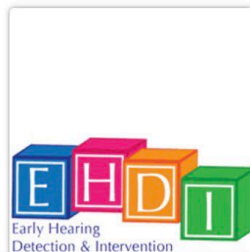
Manufacturers that Supported the Audiological workshops



Sponsored by



Professional Resources



EHDI For Audiologists



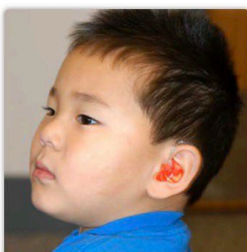
Screening



Risk Factors



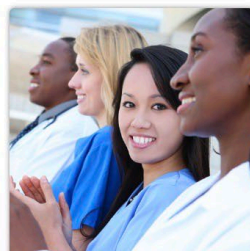
Diagnostic Test Battery



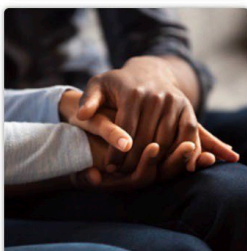
Hearing Devices



Family Support



Interprofessional Partnerships



Counseling



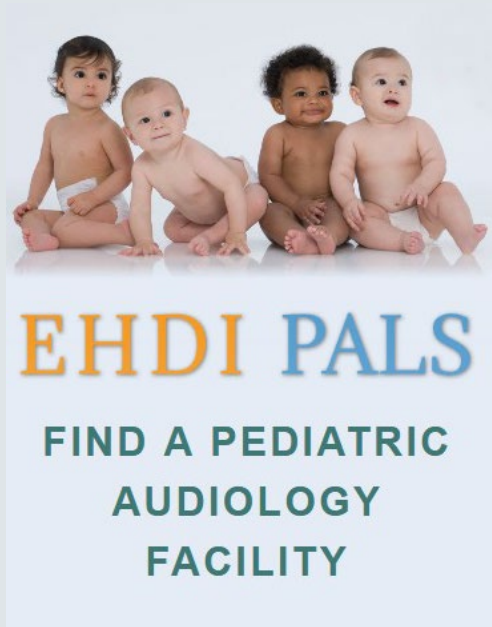
State Guidelines

Interprofessional Partnerships and Stakeholder Collaboration



- Linking badges
- Encouraging audiology partners in communities to enroll
- Educating EHDI related professional to use EHDI-PALS to help families identify and connect with appropriate audiology services in their communities
- Marketing EHDI-PALS and its resources to families and professional partners
- Disseminating postcards and stickers
- Sharing PEP Checklists with stakeholders

Linking Badges

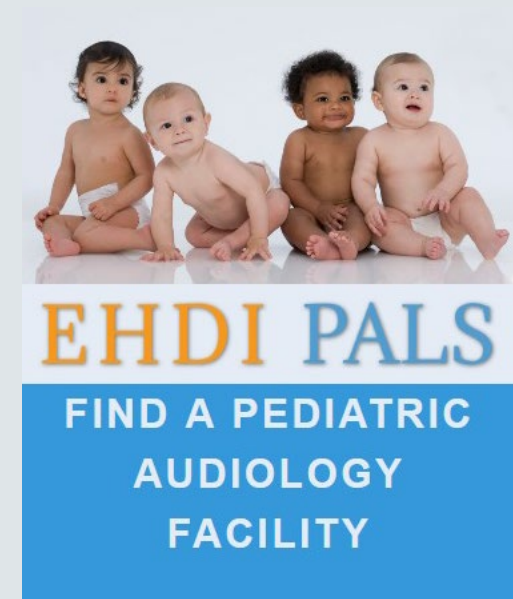


The EHDI-PALS directory has information about hearing (audiology) services for children from birth to age five. All of the facilities in this directory report that they have the equipment and expertise to serve children and have licensed audiologists. The directory contains clinic information, including:

- audiology (hearing) services
- languages available
- payment options
- appointment availability

To learn more about childhood hearing loss, please contact your state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Coordinator.

ehdi-pals.org



New Promotional Resources.....

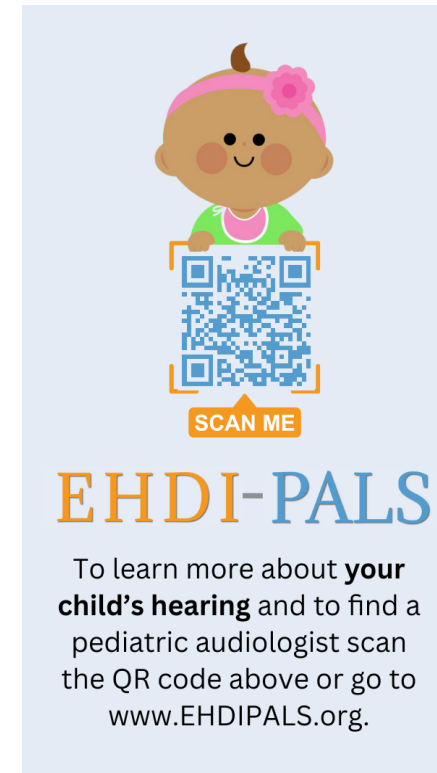


**EHDI
PALS**

To learn more about **your child's hearing** and to find a pediatric audiologist scan the QR code or go to www.EHDIPALS.org.

SCAN ME

This promotional graphic features a light blue background with a string of colorful triangular bunting (blue, orange, green) at the top. On the left, a cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown skin, wearing a pink headband with a flower and a green shirt, holds a large QR code. Below the QR code is an orange button with the text "SCAN ME". To the right of the girl, the text "EHDI PALS" is displayed in large, bold, orange and blue letters. Below this, a paragraph of text provides information on how to learn more about a child's hearing and find a pediatric audiologist, including a QR code and the website URL www.EHDIPALS.org. At the bottom left, there is another orange button with the text "SCAN ME".



EHDI-PALS

To learn more about **your child's hearing** and to find a pediatric audiologist scan the QR code above or go to www.EHDIPALS.org.

SCAN ME

This promotional graphic features a light blue background. At the top, a cartoon illustration of a young girl with brown skin, wearing a pink headband with a flower and a green shirt, holds a large QR code. Below the QR code is an orange button with the text "SCAN ME". Below this, the text "EHDI-PALS" is displayed in large, bold, orange and blue letters. Below this, a paragraph of text provides information on how to learn more about a child's hearing and find a pediatric audiologist, including a QR code and the website URL www.EHDIPALS.org. At the bottom left, there is another orange button with the text "SCAN ME".



Questions?

ehdipals@infanthearing.org