



A Partnership Between the Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (VTEHDI) Program and Vermont's Single Point of Entry for Early Intervention

VTEHDI- Who Are We?

Vermont Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program (VTEHDI):

- Work with hospitals and other community partners (early head start, homebirth midwives, primary care professionals, audiologists) to provide newborn and early periodic hearing screenings
- Provide outreach and support to families and their infants
- Engage families, audiologists and early intervention providers
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Mentors
- Work with state, regional and national agencies and organizations to achieve the National EHDI goals (1,3,6)

It's About the Babies



Vermont Department of Health

And the Children and Families



VTEHDI and Part C

- Housed in the Agency of Human Services
 - ▣ Vermont Department of Health
 - VTEHDI
 - Partnership between VTEHDI and the University of Vermont Medical Center
 - ▣ Part C
 - All infants in Vermont qualify if they are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
 - Funding- Medicaid
 - Early Intervention Provider
 - Parent Infant Program: Specialized Providers

History of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

- Vermont Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
 - Early Intervention
 - School based services
 - Austine School for the Deaf
- Nine East Network
 - Early Intervention
 - School based services
- University of Vermont Medical Center
 - Early Intervention
 - School based services

Organizational Structure Today

- **VTEHDI and Deaf Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind Educational Services Program**
 - **Early Intervention**
 - Parent Infant Advisors
 - Teachers of the Deaf
 - Educational Audiologists
 - Speech and Language Services
 - **School Age Services**
 - Direct Instruction by Teachers of the Deaf
 - ASL, Bilingual
 - Educational Audiology
 - Speech and Language Services

The Vermont Model

- VTEHDI and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Educational Services Program under one Director
 - ▣ Continuum of Services and Care
 - ▣ Grant Agreement for sharing data between UVMMC and VDH
 - ▣ Direct Access to EMR- Audiology
 - ▣ Partnering with ODDACE (Outcomes and Developmental Data Assistance Center for EHDI Programs).
 - CDC Sponsored Project

Advantages

- Partnership with Part C
- Data Sharing between VTEHDI, Early Intervention and VTH&V.
 - ▣ Improved communication
 - ▣ Improved Family to Family
- Program Director for VTEHDI is a member of the Governor Appointed Council for Part C.
- Collaboration: Projects that support Families and Professionals

Opportunities

- Education and Training for professionals
- Education for families around, Why Early Intervention is important.
 - ▣ Meeting families where they are
 - ▣ Language and literacy
 - ▣ Social Emotional
 - ▣ Time with other families
 - ▣ Mentors: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults

The Many Faces of Our Children



Questions

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