# State Stakeholders’ Meeting

At the 2014 Annual EHDI Meeting, time is provided to help attendees maximize what they learn at the meeting and to use the new knowledge to improve their state’s/territory’s EHDI system when they return home. In support of individual states, one session has been set aside for attendees to discuss priorities and initiatives for each state/territory. Each state’s/territory’s meeting will be designed and led by the State EHDI Coordinator or the EHDI Coordinator’s designee. This meeting time should be used to benefit the EHDI program, EHDI system, EHDI direct services, and/or the EHDI process as it pertains to your state’s/territory’s current needs. In the event there are only a few attendees from your state/territory, you might consider partnering with another state/territory.

## Preparing for the State Stakeholders’ Meeting:

Prior to the meeting, participants are encouraged to reflect on the status of their state’s/territory’s EHDI system and also what they would like to learn from the sessions. Meeting participants may want to review the following items:

* Individual participants are encouraged to complete the **Pre-Meeting Individual Reflection and Planning** worksheet. The schedule for the meeting and abstracts for all of the sessions are available on the meeting website. This information may be used during any pre-meeting planning meetings or during the State Stakeholders’ Meeting session on Monday, April 14th.
* States/territories may choose to communicate among registered attendees prior to the meeting for preliminary planning purposes to discuss priorities and initiatives.
* Preliminary meetings could include introduction of attendees to promote networking among participants from the same state/territory; name, title, role in the EHDI system, topics/sessions of interest at this EHDI meeting.

## During the State Stakeholders’ Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2014 - 9:15 - 10:45 am

While State EHDI programs are expected to fulfill similar objectives, strategies for how states/territories fulfill those objectives differ due to a variety of attributes individual states/territories may possess. EHDI Coordinators have been directed to design the agenda for their state’s/territory’s meeting in a manner that will advance their EHDI priorities, goals, objectives and activities.

The State Stakeholders’ Meeting may include introductions, defining EHDI priorities in the state/ territory and devising a strategy for the attendees to gain as much information as possible during the meeting. For example, each state/territory group might review the Meeting Program Book and decide how to coordinate attendance at sessions so that representatives have the opportunity to attend sessions that are most relevant to priorities for their state/territory. In addition, information might be shared about how to use ~~of~~ the **Personal Action Plan** sheets. Each attendee will receive two Personal Action Plan sheets to record some of the most important information that was learned during workshop and plenary sessions. The Plan sheets also include a way for each participant to record how this information will be used to continue to enhance the state’s EHDI system.

Note that the Personal Action Plan sheets include a duplicate copy. EHDI Coordinators are encouraged to request attendees to keep the original for themselves and turn in the duplicate copy to the EHDI Coordinator or at the Registration Desk before leaving the annual meeting. Any Personal Action Plan sheets turned in to the Registration Desk will be forwarded to the EHDI Coordinator for that state/territory.