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2017 EHDI ANNUAL MEETING

## LUNCH & LEARN SEMINAR

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Sign in 12:00 PM | Seminar 12:15-1:30 PM

Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Regency Ballroom V

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## **Welcome to Atlanta, Georgia and the 2017 National EHDl Meeting!!**

Over the next several days, you will have the opportunity to meet with almost a thousand other people who are passionate about improving early hearing detection and intervention (EHDl) programs. Take full advantage of the diversity, creativity, and dedication with which you will be surrounded.

One of Atlanta's most famous citizens (Martin Luther King, Jr.) was clearly not thinking about the National EHDl Meeting when he observed:

"Rarely do we find [people] who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think."

Almost everyone you meet at EHDl will be engaged in "hard, solid thinking" about how to make the EHDl system better and more efficient. The energy and creativity are contagious and we hope all of you will energetically participate and learn from the great ideas in the various sessions and activities. Make it a point to meet new people who share your passion about helping children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families. Learn from and share with others and make a list of things you will do differently and better as a result of attending the 2017 EHDl Annual Meeting. As Dr. King noted, there are no easy answers, but thinking and working together, we will continue to improve EHDl programs!

### **GOAL OF THE EHDl ANNUAL MEETING**

The goal of this Meeting is to enhance the implementation of comprehensive state based Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDl) programs.

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

- Promote knowledge and awareness of successful strategies for implementing comprehensive state-based EHDl programs that include screening, audiologic diagnostic evaluation, early intervention, medical home, reporting, tracking, surveillance, loss to follow-up issues, data integration, and other related surveillance components.
- Understand current research and research methods related to EHDl.
- Enhance attendees' abilities to provide culturally competent services to children who are deaf or hard of hearing, their families and communities.
- Create and enhance new and ongoing working relationships among federal agencies, non-profit organizations, state health departments and educational agencies, advocacy groups, families, and professionals.

### **PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATION**

The right to participate in the EHDl Annual Meeting is fundamental to ensuring open dialogue between all EHDl stakeholders. The Meeting organizers encourage respectful dialogue as a key element of participation among all Meeting participants. The EHDl Annual Meeting opposes the disruption of any Meeting sessions or events that results in the inability for dialogue to take place. The EHDl Annual Meeting reserves the right to withdraw the name badge, and therefore deny access, of participants who do not adhere to these Principles of Participation.

### **ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR EHDl MEETING PARTICIPANTS AND SESSION PRESENTERS**

The EHDl Meeting Planning Committee developed guidelines and checklists to maximize access for all participants in the EHDl Annual Meeting. The full guidelines are available on the EHDl Meeting website:  
<http://ehdimeeting.org/includes/AccessibilityGuidelines2017.pdf>

Thank you all for helping make the valuable information and dialogue at the EHDl Meeting accessible to all participants.

### **ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES**

If you noted through the EHDl Meeting registration process or made arrangements with the EHDl Meeting organizers in advance for services, please check in with staff at the EHDl Meeting registration desk when you arrive at the EHDl Meeting to confirm arrangements. Please see the EHDl Meeting staff if you encounter any problems during the EHDl Meeting or need further assistance.

If you have not arranged for services in advance, the EHDl meeting staff and organizers will do their best to accommodate requests onsite.

All continuing education forms, including instructions and requirements for CEU submissions, can be found at the EHDI Annual Meeting Registration Desk or on the Meeting App.

**ALL Continuing Education forms MUST be submitted no later than March 3, 2017 or participants will be responsible for submitting to CEU organizations on their own. Submit forms at the registration desk, via the Meeting app or by email to [mandy.mcclellan@usu.edu](mailto:mandy.mcclellan@usu.edu).**

### Certificate of EHDI Annual Meeting Attendance

A personalized certificate of attendance, including the total contact hours (maximum number of contact hours is 17) for the 2017 EHDI Annual Meeting, will be available to all participants. Participants will need to sign up for the certificates at the EHDI Meeting registration desk after they turn in their overall evaluation of the Meeting or submit the overall evaluation online via the Meeting app.



### AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language

At the time this book was printed, the overall Meeting was pending approval for CE credits for the pre-Meeting Instructional Sessions and for the Meeting plenary and breakout sessions by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language. A list of approved sessions will be available at the Meeting.

Information regarding Instructional Sessions and Meeting Sessions that have been approved for CE credits by the AG Bell Academy for Listening and Spoken Language is available at the EHDI Meeting registration desk. You will find instructions and required paperwork at the registration desk as well. Completed forms should be submitted to the registration desk prior to leaving the Meeting or submitted using the Meeting App.

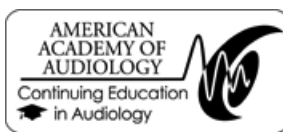
### Illinois Early Intervention Training Program

The National Center on Hearing Assessment and Management has been approved to offer credit from the Illinois Early Intervention Training program for the 2017 EHDI Annual Meeting. Sessions approved for credit can be found at <http://www.illinoiseittraining.org/page.aspx?module=15&type=1&item=1&eventid=15076>.

It is the responsibility of the individual to provide Proof of Attendance or Completion of this activity to Provider Connections.

### National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. (NCHEC)


The overall Meeting has been approved for NCHAM to be a designated provider and offer CE credits for the pre-Meeting Instructional Sessions and for the Meeting plenary and breakout sessions. The Meeting will offer continuing education contact hours (CECH) in health education by the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. This program is designated to offer Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) approved for a total of 17 entry-level CECH. Instructions and the required paperwork will be available at the EHDI Annual Meeting Registration Desk and on the Meeting App.



### American Academy of Audiology

The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management has been approved by the American Academy of Audiology to offer Academy CEUs for the 2017 EHDI Annual Meeting. The program is worth a maximum of 1.7 CEUs (this includes up to 6 hours of Pre-Meeting Instructional Sessions.) Instructions and the required paperwork are available at the registration desk and on the Meeting App. Completed forms should be submitted to the registration desk prior to leaving the Meeting or submitted using the Meeting App.

Academy approval of this continuing education activity does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedures.

	<p>Utah State University is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area. ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.</p>
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### American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

If approved, this course is offered for up to 1.7 ASHA CEUs (Various level, Professional area). The National Center on Hearing Assessment and Management has submitted an application to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association to offer CEUs for the 2017 EHDI Annual Meeting. The program may be worth a maximum of 1.7 CEUs, if approved. Instructions and the required paperwork (ASHA participant form and instructions) are available at the registration desk and on the Meeting App. Completed forms should be submitted to the registration desk prior to leaving the Meeting and or submitted using the Meeting App.

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## DINING

### DOWNTOWN ATLANTA RESTAURANTS

Hyatt Regency Atlanta offers a vibrant dining and food scene. Enjoy unique Atlanta restaurants, including Sway, a Southern style eatery serving comfort food for the soul, and Polaris, Atlanta's iconic rotating restaurant and lounge. Executive Chef Thomas McKeown has partnered with area farms, dairies, and purveyors to bring the finest local ingredients to your dining experiences. Each year, the Rooftop Bee Garden produces herbs, vegetables, and homemade honey.

### AT THE HOTEL

#### Twenty-Two Storys Atlanta

Located in the hotel Atrium Lobby, Twenty-Two Storys is an ultra-hip gastrolounge serving Georgia craft beer, wine, cocktails, and food, surrounded by 17 flat screen TVs.

#### Market

Market, a 24-hour Grab & Go Starbucks coffee shop, is perfect for guests on the go. Located in the Atrium Lobby.

#### Sway Restaurant Atlanta

One of Atlanta's signature restaurants, Sway's menus are created by Executive Chef Thomas McKeown with the freshest ingredients from local farms, dairies, and other purveyors.

#### Polaris

Polaris serves hand crafted cocktails and chef-inspired small plates amid breathtaking views of the Atlanta skyline.

### NEAR THE HOTEL

- Agatha's Downtown
- Alma Cocina
- Benihana
- Der Biergarten
- Fire of Brazil
- Hudson Grille Downtown
- Kevin Rathbun Steak
- Legal Sea Foods Atlanta
- Meehan's Public House
- Ted's Montana Grill
- White Oak Kitchen and Cocktails

## THINGS TO DO

### DOWNTOWN ATLANTA SIGHTS

Steps From the Best Sights and Activities in Atlanta, the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel is walking distance to the city's top attractions, including the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta's new Streetcar and the College Football Hall of Fame.

### NEAR THE HOTEL

- Georgia Aquarium
- Atlanta Botanical Gardens
- Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta
- Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Oakland Cemetery
- College Football Hall of Fame
- World of Coca-Cola
- Zoo Atlanta
- Centennial Olympic Park
- Ponce City Market
- Margaret Mitchell House
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## Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDl Excellence

The **Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDl Excellence** honors the career achievements of Dr. Antonia Brancia Maxon in promoting effective EHDl programs for all newborns, infants, and young children. Dr. Maxon was a visionary in EHDl programs, beginning with her leadership in the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Project in the late 1980's. She was one of the first to recognize the feasibility and value of universal newborn hearing screening and was a tireless advocate for connecting screening programs with timely and appropriate diagnosis and early intervention.

Her extensive contributions to creating excellent EHDl programs were abruptly ended by a tragic automobile accident in May of 2007. In memory of her contributions, an **Award for EHDl Excellence** is presented at the EHDl Annual Meeting to honor an individual or group of people who have made a noteworthy accomplishment that contributed to achieving excellence in EHDl programs nationally or in a particular state or region of the country.

### Presentation of the 2017 Award

Centennial Ballroom III & IV  
Monday, February 27  
5:15 PM

### Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDl Excellence

#### Past Recipients of the Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDl Excellence

2016 Recipients: Irene Forsman and Susan Lenihan  
2015 Recipient: Elizabeth Seeliger  
2014 Recipient: Christine "Christie" Yoshinaga-Itano  
2013 Recipient: Janet Farrell  
2012 Recipient: Betty R. Vohr  
2011 Recipient: Jean L. Johnson  
2010 Recipients: Beth Benedict and Al Mehl  
2009 Recipients: Leeanne Seaver and Janet DesGeorges  
2008 Recipients: Judith Gravel and Mary Hartnett

### Nominees for the 2017 Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDl Excellence

Linda Hazard  
Harold Johnson  
Maribeth Lartz and Tracy Meehan  
Nancy Sager  
Washington State EHDI Team (Deb Lochner Doyle,  
Karen Neidt, Marcie Rider, and Julie Walker)

**Thank you to all who submitted  
nominations for this year's award.**

More information about the accomplishments of each of the recipients of the Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDl Excellence can be found at <http://ehdiconference.org/Award.cfm>

## **EHDI Family Leadership Award**

2017 is the inaugural year for the EHDI Family Leadership Award. During the last several decades it has become increasingly clear that EHDI only exists to improve the well-being of babies and families. Symbiotically, engaged families are central to the success of EHDI programs and more specifically to the success of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

This award honors a parent or family member of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing for providing exemplary leadership in their state EHDI system and whose leadership has led to improved outcomes. The recipient was selected by NCHAM's Family Advisory Committee.

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### **Presentation of the 2017 Award**

**Centennial Ballroom III & IV**

**Monday, February 27**

**8:55 AM**

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### **Nominees for the 2017 Family Leadership Award for EHDI Excellence**

Lisa Adams	Shelli Janning
Andrea Amestoy	Sara Kennedy
Cheri Dowling	Candace Lindow-Davies
Darlene Freeman	Kodi Ogle
Janel Frost	Terri Patterson
Hadley Haas	Tony Ronco
Robin Hosley	Yuliana Trujillo

**Thank you to all who submitted nominations  
for this year's award.**

More information about the accomplishments of each of the recipients of the Family Leadership Award for EHDI Excellence can be found at <http://ehdiconference.org/Award.cfm>

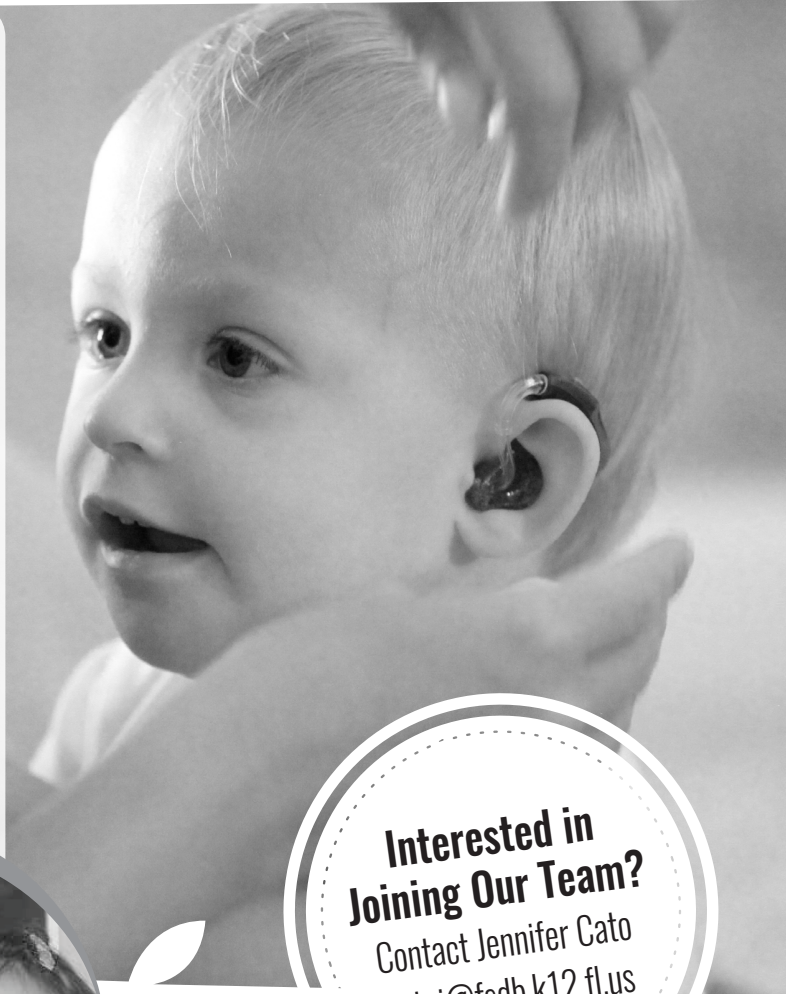
# Parent Infant Program

## ABOUT US :::

The Parent Infant Program at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) offers a statewide family-centered program for children ages 0-5 who are deaf/hard of hearing and/or blind/visually impaired. Services are provided in the family's natural environment and during daily routines. Our services are available at no cost to Florida families who have young children with documented hearing loss or bilateral vision loss.

## SERVICES PROVIDED :::

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**OPENING PLENARY**

MONDAY, February 27, 2017

8:00 AM–8:55 AM

CENTENNIAL BALLROOM III & IV

**Effective Family Engagement: A Panel on the Power to Influence EHDI Systems**

The panel will focus on family engagement within EHDI programs, including experiences of how family engagement can improve the system as well as challenges met and challenges overcome. This presentation will share practical strategies regarding family engagement priorities within EHDI systems and how the participants of the conference can enhance their work in this area. Family members from all over the U.S. with diverse life experiences will be represented on the panel.

- Participants will be able to identify strategies to enhance family engagement in state/territory systems.
- Attendees will gain the perspective of families on how they can positively impact EHDI systems.
- Participants will gain skills in how to overcome challenges in ensuring family engagement.



**PANEL MODERATOR**

**Janet DesGeorges**

*Executive Director, Hands & Voices*

Janet DesGeorges lives in Boulder, Colorado with her husband, Joe, and is mom to three daughters, including Sara, who is deaf/hard of hearing. She is a co-founder and part of the staff at Hands & Voices Headquarters, serving as the Executive Director since September 2011, having previously served as the Outreach Director since 2005 and as the Executive Director of the flagship chapter of Hands & Voices in Colorado for almost 10 years prior to that. Janet has presented to groups worldwide about the experiences of families as they journey through life with a child with deafness or hearing loss. Ms.

DesGeorges is the author on the chapter for Family Support in the *NCHAM e-Book*, the co-author of the book *Educational Advocacy for Students Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: The Hands & Voices Guidebook*, and many other publications. Ms. DesGeorges received a program certificate from the MCH Public Health Leadership Institute in 2011 at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

Janet currently serves as the NCHAM Family Advisory Chairperson. As an EHDI systems advocate, Janet believes in the principles and guiding philosophies of Hands & Voices towards a parent-driven, professionally-collaborative approach when supporting families in the early years. Professionals and parents can partner together to achieve appropriate outcomes for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Her areas of interest include leadership development for parents who participate in systemic improvement; deaf education reform and improvement; children’s safety and success (preventing child abuse and neglect); early hearing detection and intervention systems; and parent/professional partnerships in quality improvement processes.



## Opening Plenary Family Panel



**Laura Gramer**

*Washington Hands & Voices*

Laura Gramer and her family reside in Seattle, WA. They are deaf parents to two deaf sons. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy. Laura currently volunteers in WA Hands & Voices and Hearing Speech Deaf Center as board member. She served on various commissions and boards in Washington and Illinois. Laura and her family are involved in the deaf community.



**Karen Wisinski**

*Michigan Hands & Voices*

Karen Wisinski lives in Michigan and is mom to two boys. The youngest was identified as hard of hearing at age 3. Having originally worked in brand advertising, Karen now enjoys building parent-to-parent support structures in the growing field of Family Engagement. Since 2012 she has been the Parent Consultant at Michigan EHDI and the Coordinator for the Guide By Your Side™ program for Michigan Hands & Voices™. In 2014, Karen was awarded The Seaver Vision Award by Hands & Voices Headquarters.

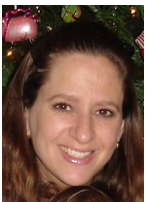


**Djenne-amal N. Morris**

*Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Hands & Voices*

Djenne-amal N. Morris, BA, brings passion, humor, and real life experience to her role as national parent/professional trainer, facilitator, and motivational speaker whose view of the world not as it is, but as it could be. As a mother of an amazing son with CHARGE Syndrome, she strives to build an atmosphere of support and empowerment for families of children with special needs and the professionals who serve them. This has led to her career working with families of children with special needs in various roles as Women's Ministry Leader, Family Specialist for the New England and North Carolina Deaf-Blind Projects, Parent Educator/ Training Coordinator at BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and current Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Hands & Voices. Djenne and her husband provide consulting, trainings, workshops, and coaching to families and professionals in the areas of family dynamics and special needs ([www.todaywithdjenne.com](http://www.todaywithdjenne.com)). She lives in Knightdale, N.C. with her husband, Michael, and has three children, a cat, and a dog! Malik, 20, attends the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf. Imani, 21 is a senior at Abilene Christian University in Texas, majoring in Global Studies. Her youngest, Zakiya, 15, is a high school sophomore. Djenne is an avid reader, fun-loving, and a newly published author (*The Art of Collaboration: Lessons from Families of Children with Disabilities*, 2016. Sense Publishers).

Life is good!



**Mariana Barquet**

*Indiana Hands & Voices*

Mariana Barquet was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico. She has lived in the United States for 12 years. She and her husband, Darren, were married in 2005 and are the proud parents of Sofia, 7, and Jack, 4 1/2. Jack was born profoundly deaf and was diagnosed at 7 months with leukodystrophy. He was implanted with bilateral Cochlear implants at 14 months of age. Mariana works as the Outreach Coordinator as well as the Parent Guide for Hispanic families in the State of Indiana, under the Guide by Your Side Program from Indiana Hands & Voices. She is part of the Outreach Committee for Indiana Hands & Voices and also serves as part of the Hispanic Forum nationwide.

Her biggest passion is to ensure that every Hispanic child with hearing loss in the State of Indiana has access and receives qualified services that meet their needs and ensures successful outcomes.

**PLENARY II**

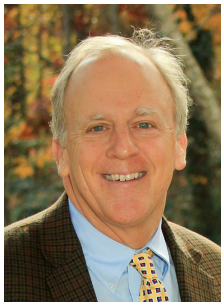
MONDAY, February 27, 2017

4:10 PM–5:15 PM

CENTENNIAL BALLROOM III & IV

**Georgia Pathway to Language and Literacy for Children Who Are Deaf/Hard of Hearing**

In the fall of 2010, a group of stakeholders established the Georgia Pathway to Language and Literacy to advance the literacy proficiency of Georgia's children who are deaf or hard of hearing (D/HH). This innovative project has undertaken the development of an on-line community of practice to support the achievement of grade-level reading proficiency by the end of third grade for all Georgia students with hearing loss, regardless of their communication modality. The commitment to achieving such outcomes for children with hearing loss supports the vision statement of the Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students, i.e., "By 2020, Georgia will be a national leader ensuring that every child is ready to succeed in kindergarten and on a path to read to learn by third grade." The implementation of a Community of Practice includes a professional network, a knowledge center and systematic mentoring to support professionals' knowledge, and skill building for language and literacy development of D/HH students:



**Brenda Fitzgerald**

*Georgia Department of Public Health*

**Kenny Moore**

*Georgia Department of Education*

**Comer Yates**

*Atlanta Speech School Executive Director*

The project will be discussed by Brenda Fitzgerald, Kenney Moore, and Comer Yates. As Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health, Dr. Fitzgerald is on a mission

to close the "30 million word gap." A study by researchers Betty Hart and Todd Risley found that some children heard thirty million fewer words by their 4th birthdays than others, leading to demonstrated lower achievement. Fitzgerald has helped mobilize resources to address the gap as a way to help improve the early education problem in Georgia today. In addition to the Department of Public Health, Georgia Tech, and Emory University's Marcus Autism Center as well as its School of Nursing are all on board. The United Way of Greater Atlanta has pledged \$500,000 a year for three years to the program. The simple practice of providing a rich language environment to babies and toddlers provides nourishment for their brains, setting them up for better performance in school, and even a higher IQ.



**PLENARY III**

TUESDAY, February 28, 2017

8:00 AM–9:00 AM

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**Experience of a Deaf Pediatrician Working with Families in a Deaf Medical Home**

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- Integrate strategies for early childhood development and decision-making from a pediatrician with hearing loss
- Describe the differences between four permutations of hearing-deaf parent-child dyad



**Robert C. Nutt**

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Dr. Robert Nutt graduated from Dartmouth College and received his medical degree from the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. He served on the Newborn Hearing Screening

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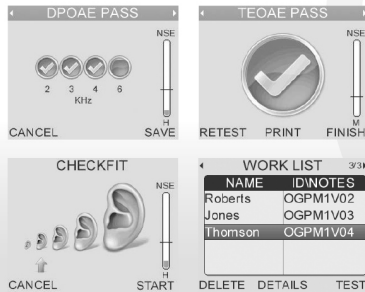
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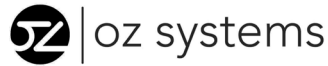
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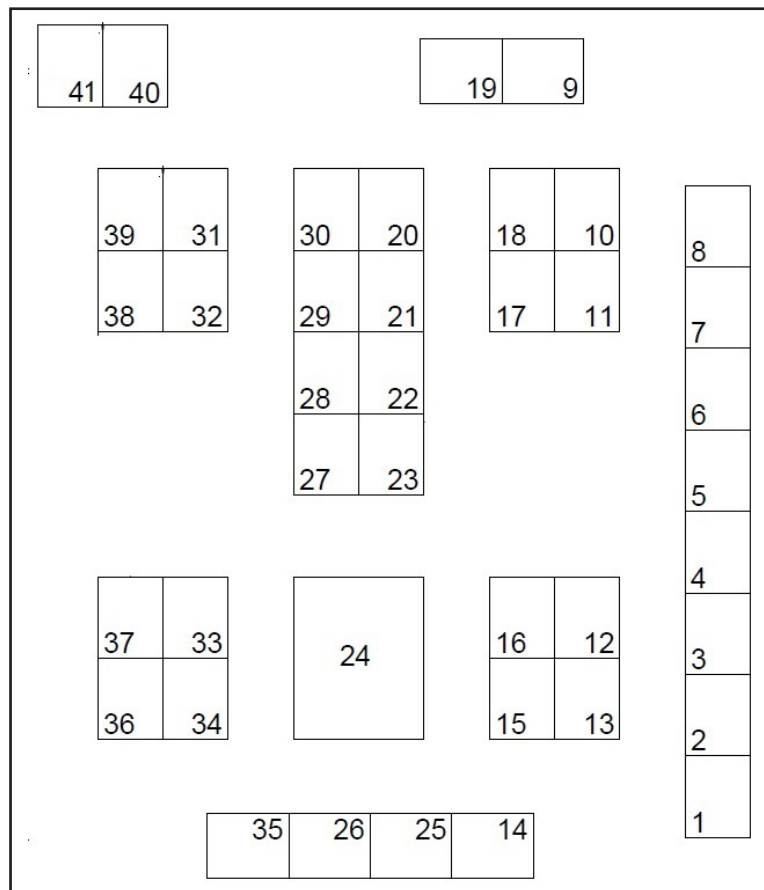
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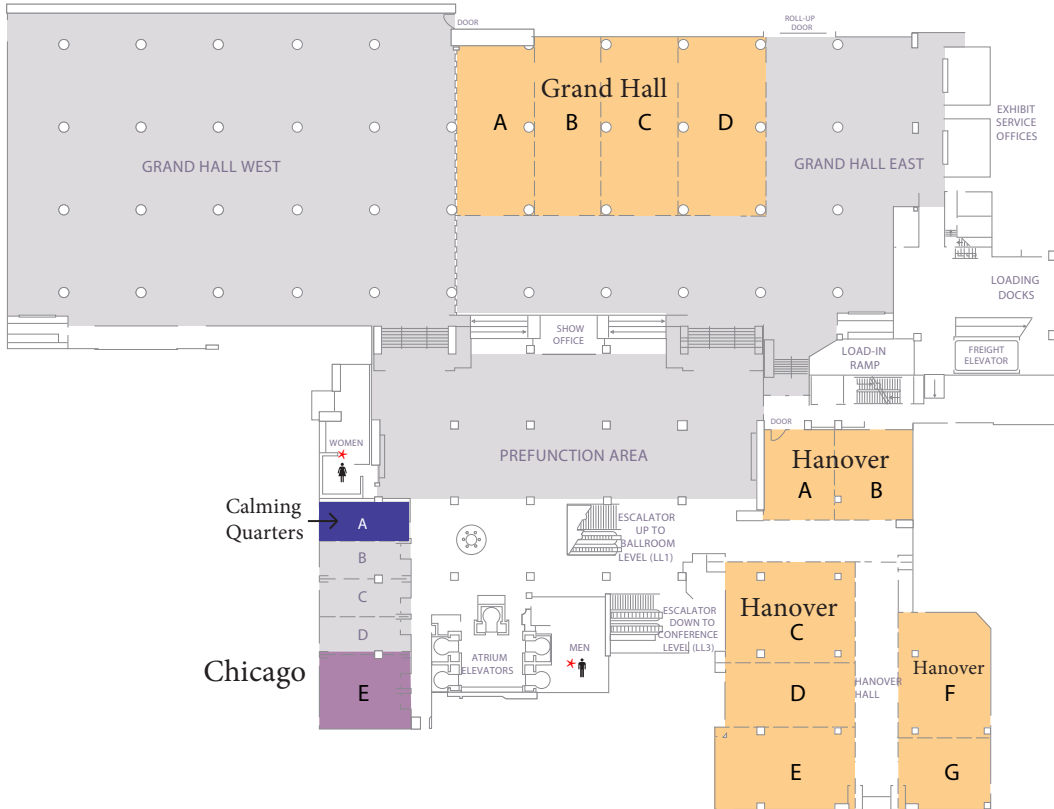
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**Saturday, February 25, 2017**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	JCIH Meeting	Fairlie, Lower Level 3
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**Sunday, February 26, 2017**

7:15 AM - 8:00 PM	Instructional Session Registration Open	Registration Desk
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9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	<b>Instructional Sessions</b>	
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Poster Set-Up & Exhibit Set-Up	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Family Leader Scholarship Recipients Meeting	Hanover F-G
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM	AAP Regional Network Liaison Workshop	Hanover A
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	LEND Policy Workshop for Audiology Trainees	Regency V
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	EHDI Student Kickoff	Regency V
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	EHDI 101	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	AAP Participant Networking Session	Hanover D
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Reception	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Parent Gathering	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	GA H&V Guide By Your Side Read Along (Storytelling)	Chicago A

**Monday, February 27, 2017**

6:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
7:00 AM - 7:45 AM	<b>Round Table Discussions</b>	Hanover Rooms
7:00 AM - 7:50 AM	Food for Thought: Student- Professional Networking Session	Grand Hall C
7:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Registration Open	Registration Desk
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7:15 AM - 5:30 PM	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
8:00 AM - 8:55 AM	<b>Opening Plenary</b> <i>Effective Family Engagement: A Panel on the Power to Influence EHDI Systems</i>	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
8:55 AM - 9:05 AM	Presentation of the EHDI Family Leadership Award	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
9:05 AM - 9:10 AM	Overview of State Stakeholders' Meetings	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
9:15 AM - 10:45 AM	State Stakeholders' Meetings	Various Locations
10:45 AM - 11:05 AM	Break	
11:05 AM - 12:05 PM	<b>Topical Session 1</b>	
12:05 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
12:25 PM - 1:45 PM	Parent Lunch Meeting	Regency V
12:25 PM - 1:45 PM	Part C and EHDI Work Group Meeting	Chicago B
12:45 PM - 1:45 PM	Poster Session	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II

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1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Break	
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Topical Session 2</b>	
3:00 PM - 3:20 PM	Refreshment Break	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
3:20 PM - 3:50 PM	<b>Topical Session 3</b>	
3:50 PM - 4:10 PM	Break	
4:10 PM - 5:15 PM	<b>Plenary II</b> <i>Georgia Pathway to Language and Literacy for Children Who Are Deaf /Hard of Hearing</i>	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	Presentation of the Antonia Branica Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	AAP Chapter Champion/ Participants Working Session	Chicago B-C

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

6:45 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
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7:00 AM - 7:50 AM	Food for Thought: Student- Professional Networking Session	Grand Hall C
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Open	Registration Desk
7:15 AM - 11:00 AM	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
7:15 AM - 3:15 PM	Speaker Ready Room	Chicago E
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Plenary III</b> <i>Experience of a Deaf Pediatrician Working with Families in a Deaf Medical Home</i>	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	Presentation of Poster and Website Awards	Centennial Ballroom III & IV
9:15 AM - 12:15 PM	AAP Chapter Champions/ Participants Workshop	Chicago B-C
9:20 AM - 9:40 AM	Refreshment Break	Exhibit Hall/ Centennial I & II
9:40 AM - 10:40 AM	<b>Topical Session 4</b>	
10:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Break	
10:40 AM	Poster/Exhibitor Breakdown Begins	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Topical Session 5</b>	
12:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch (On Your Own)	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Made to Hear Book Discussion with Laura Maudlin	Hanover A
1:45 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>Topical Session 6</b>	
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<b>Topical Session 7</b>	
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Refreshment Break	Lower Level 2 Foyer
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**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	DSHPHWA Annual Meeting	Hanover C-E
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9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Break	Hanover C-E
9:15 AM - 4:00 PM	EHDI Coordinator Meeting	Hanover C-E