

Subject: 2023 EHDI State Stakeholders' Meeting – Message to Students

What is the State Stakeholders' Meeting, and when is it?

This is time set aside during the Annual Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) meeting, where attendees from each state/territory come together for 60 minutes on **Monday, March 6th**, from 8:30am - 9:30am and 9:45am -10:45am to discuss priorities and initiatives relevant to their system/program. The opening Plenary and Stakeholders' meetings will be repeated (½ the states/territories go to Plenary and ½ to their Stakeholders' meeting, then switch). These meetings are typically led by the Newborn Hearing Screening Program/EHDI Coordinator (or designee). This meeting time is used to benefit the EHDI program, EHDI system, EHDI direct services, and/or the EHDI process as it pertains to that state's/territory's current needs.

Why should students attend?

This is a great time to see the “moving parts” of how state/territory EHDI programs and system stakeholders' work together to meet the needs that are important to them. It is also a great place to network and meet people! For more information, guest speakers to help you prepare, networking opportunities and to gain further knowledge before the Stakeholder Meeting come checkout the EHDI Student Kickoff Meeting on Sunday! Connect with other students via Facebook (Students of EHDI 2022), Instagram (studentsofehdi), and Twitter (studentsofehdi).

Does it matter which state/territory meeting I attend?

Not really. You could attend the meeting in the state where you are currently attending school, your home state, a state you know you will be moving to, or any other state/territory you would like. The important part is to be able to learn about the priorities, and network to get an idea about what EHDI is all about on the front lines.

What should I do when I decide which meeting to attend?

If you didn't indicate on your registration form which meeting you were going to attend, then go ahead and send an email to the EHDI Coordinator of that state/territory and introduce yourself as a student and let them know that you would like to attend their meeting. Since the EHDI Coordinators typically contact all the registrants from their state/territory just prior to arriving onsite, you could also inquire if there were materials shared with others that you could have as well. Click here to, [contact a State/Territory EHDI Coordinator](#).

Where can I find additional information about the State Stakeholders' Meeting?

- Click here for the **State Stakeholders'** page on the EHDI Conference website:
<https://ehdiconference.org/Stakeholders.cfm>.
- To prepare for this opportunity please visit the **State Stakeholders' Description** page:
<https://ehdiconference.org/includes/2023/StateStakeholdersDescription2023.pdf?v=1.75> to read more about the importance of these meetings and access additional information and forms.
- **Individual Reflection, Planning and Action Plan** worksheet:
<https://ehdiconference.org/includes/2023/PreMeetingReflection2023.pdf?v=1.75>. This document may help you to jot down the sessions you will attend and to consider why you are attending the 2023 EHDI Conference, and what you hope to take away to your studies or future workplace. What parts of the EHDI system spark your curiosity, and passion and can support your goals? This form is provided for you to record how you will use information learned during sessions to enhance or provide input to EHDI systems. Feel free to share these ideas with an EHDI Coordinator, fellow students, and other stakeholders in the diverse EHDI system.

We look forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati, Ohio! Your State Stakeholders' Meeting Sub-committee:

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