

# AAP EHDI Chapter Champion Webinar

## *EHDI In States: What Does the CDC Data Show?*

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### Background

Since 2000, the percentage of newborns screened for hearing loss dramatically increased from 52 to 95 percent. However, almost half of the children who 'do not pass' hearing screening tests lack a documented diagnosis. The infant's primary care medical home provider plays an important role in ensuring that timely follow up and the appropriate documentation of that follow up occur. Without the active assistance of the medical home the infant may be considered "lost" in the early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI) system, which undermines the potential benefits of newborn hearing screening. Pediatricians must work in concert with specialists and state agencies to assure an appropriate continuum of care and accurate surveillance is achieved.

### Objective

In order to successfully address the needs of EHDI within a specific state/chapter, AAP EHDI Chapter Champions need to know how to locate and interpret national and state-specific EHDI data, including data related to the rate of loss to follow-up/documentation (LTF/D) within their specific state/chapter. Enhancing awareness about state data will help to inform the work that champions engage in at the state/chapter level over the next year so that they may be more strategic and can address needs based on data.

It is expected that all Chapter Champions either attend the live webinar or access the recording prior to the annual EHDI meeting regardless of attendance at the meeting. Information shared in this webinar will need to inform—and be incorporated into—champion annual work plans that will be due to AAP staff within one week of the annual EHDI meeting.

### Format

The live webinar will be 60-minutes in length with 45 minutes of presentation followed by 15 minutes of question and answer. The live webinar will be hosted via GoToWebinar ([www.gotowebinar.com](http://www.gotowebinar.com)). The recording of the webinar will be available within one week of the live event at <http://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/PEHDI/Program-to-Enhance-the-Health-Development-of-Infants-and-Children.aspx>.

### Session Learning Objectives

At the end of this activity, participants will be able to:

- 1) Locate and interpret CDC national and state-specific EHDI data
- 2) Identify the role of medical home providers as it contributes to the data
- 3) Understand how to utilize recently developed AAP EHDI LTF/D tools for providers
- 4) Outline activities within chapter based on state-specific data working collaboratively with other stakeholders

### Audience

- AAP EHDI Chapter Champions
- AAP EHDI Task Force Members

### Presenters

**Marcus Gaffney, MPH:** Mr Gaffney is a health scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention EHDI Program. He is responsible for the collection, analysis, and interpretation of EHDI data across the United States since 2001. Mr Gaffney will present the national data on EHDI including an overview of how the data is reported, collected, and analyzed. Further, he will also briefly review data on the rates of LTF/D in states highlighting those states with high rates and those with very low rates. Mr Gaffney may also provide insights to some of the reasons why these rates vary.

**Jack Levine, MD, FAAP:** Dr Levine is a community based general pediatrician in Queens, New York with a subspecialty certification in developmental behavioral pediatrics. He serves on the AAP Task Force on Improving Newborn Hearing Screening, Diagnosis, and Implementation and is the chairperson of the EHDI LTF/D Workgroup (a sub-committee of the Task Force). Dr Levine will provide information on the current and ongoing efforts of the AAP EHDI Program to develop resources for medical home providers with respect to identifying their role in reducing LTF/D.