2024 Virginia EHDI Conference

May 15-18, 2024

















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Welcome

Welcome to the 2024 Virginia EHDI Conference!

The Virginia EHDI program is pleased to welcome you to our second conference. We are thankful for our invested stakeholders who have contributed greatly to the planning of this event. We look forward to highlighting the work that the dedicated parents and professionals do to support children who are deaf or hard of hearing or are diagnosed with congenital cytomegalovirus.

We hope you will have the opportunity to collaborate with other stakeholders and visit our diverse exhibitors. Members of the planning committee have worked many hours over the last few months to ensure a balanced, diverse, and exciting agenda that will provide each of us the new ideas and tools to improve services for children and families in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Henry Ford said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." Our goal is that this conference enhances the connections you will make and complements the work that each of you do to help children who are deaf or hard of hearing or diagnosed with congenital cytomegalovirus and their families.

Thank you all for your contributions within the EHDI systems of care and the positive impact you have on families in Virginia!

Sincerely, Virginia EHDI



LEARNING OBJECTIVE

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Provide an overview of newborn hearing screening and congenital cytomegalovirus screening
- Provide key components and requirements to ensure compliance of hospitals to report accurate and timely information
- Demonstrate understanding of the assessment and management of children who are deaf or hard or hearing or diagnosed with congenital cytomegalovirus
- Demonstrate proficiency regarding the resources and information available for children who are deaf or hard or hearing or diagnosed with congenital cytomegalovirus
- Be familiar with EHDI data driven decision making and ways to improve the screening process for young children in Virginia
- Summarize shared lived experiences of families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing or deaf and hard of hearing adults

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The right to participate in the VA EHDI Conference is fundamental to ensuring open dialogue between all stakeholders. The meeting organizers encourage respectful dialogue as a key element of participation among all meeting participants. The VA EHDI Conference opposes the disruption of any sessions or events that results in the inability for dialogue to take place.

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Special Thanks

Special thanks to all room moderators for helping the meetings run smoothly and exhibitors below for sharing their wealth of knowledge with our attendees.

EXHIBITORS

Special thanks to the listed organizations for exhibiting at the 2024 VA EHDI Conference.

See conference agenda for specific availability.

Aetna Better health of Virginia

Birth In Color

CDC Learn the Signs Act Early

Center for Family Involvement @ VCU

Commonwealth of Virginia Loaner Hearing Aid Program

Grafton Special Service Program

Infant and Toddler Connection of Virginia

National CMV Foundation

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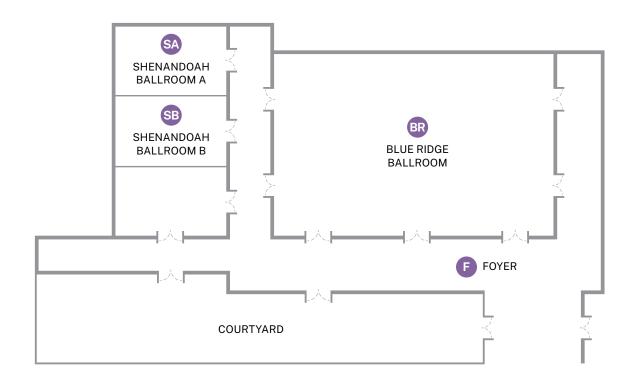
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CONFERENCE MAP



MAY 15	WEDNESDAY	PRECONFERENCE	
12:00PM 5:00PM	Registration Open		F
1:00PM 3:00PM	Advisory Committee N	Meeting (SA SB
3:30PM 4:30PM	Virginia Stakeholder N	Meeting	SB
3:30PM 5:00PM	CMV Longitudinal Sur	veillance Workgroup Meeting	SA

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MAY 16 THURSDAY DAY 1 7:00AM Exhibitor Setup 8:00AM BREAKFAST / Registration Open / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery 8:00AM 9:00AM **Opening Remarks** 9:00AM 9:05AM speaker: Daphne Miller Stewart **VA EHDI Coordinator** Welcome Address 9:05AM 9:20AM speaker: Vanessa Walker Harris, MD Director, Office of Family Health Services, Virginia Department of Health **Keynote Presentation: Positive Exposure** 9:20AM 10:20AM speaker: Rick Guidotti Founder and Director, Positive Exposure This presentation will discuss creating spaces rooted in unity, respect, and inclusion through photography, film, educational programs, and advocacy. 10:20AM Coffee Break / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery 10:30AM 10:30AM Overview of VA EHDI Systems of Care: Data Driven Discussion 10:50PM moderator: Mona Iskander, MD Pediatrician, Kaiser Permanente and AAP Chapter Champion This presentation will provide an overview of VA EHDI Systems of Care from the lens of the VA AAP Chapter Champion and Pediatrician. **Data Driven Small Group Discussions** 10:50AM 12:00PM Group 1: Newborn Screening moderators: Christen Crews, MSN, RN Parker Parks, MPH NBS Programs Manager, VDH NBS Epidemiologist, VDH **Group 2:** CMV & Hearing Loss Diagnosis moderators: Deepali Sanghani, MPH Leigh Emma Lion, MS CMV Coordinator, VDH Newborn Screening Lab Manager, DCLS Group 3: Quality Improvement Assessment of EHDI f/u Systems of Care moderators: Durga Mahapatra, MPH Lisa Eickel VA EHDI Grants Specialist, VDH Parent

MAY 16 THURSDAY

12:00PM LUNCH

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Agenda

1:00PM First Breakout Session

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Breakout 1: Risk Factors for Late Onset Hearing Loss

speaker: Karen Woolman, AuD

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Pediatric Audiologist, Children's National Medical Center

This presentation reviews the risk factors and monitoring guidelines for late onset hearing loss using the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing list. The signs that a baby or infant may have a late onset hearing loss will be discussed as well as the implications of late onset hearing loss. Attendees will be able to list some of the risk factors for late onset hearing loss, recognize signs of late onset hearing loss, and know the implications of late onset hearing loss.

Breakout 2: Words Matter: The Impact of The Words We Choose

speakers: Emily Wojahn Small, MA

Nicole Hutchinson MA, CED

PhD student, Gallaudet University PhD student, Gallaudet University

This presentation will discuss the terminology used when children are identified as deaf or hard of hearing and the impact on the family's understanding by outlining current findings around the manner that families learn about their child's identification as deaf or hard of hearing. Attendees will engage in a conversation about the words used in conversation and in print and will have the opportunity to think about their use of words related to being deaf and the impact word choices might have on parents' perspectives on their child's abilities.

Breakout 3: Virginia's Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program

speaker: Victoria Goyne, BSN, RN

Short Term Follow-up Senior/Nurse Educator, VDH

This presentation will provide an overview of Virginia's Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program, what tests and procedures are performed, parent and provider action needs after follow-up, and who to contact for questions on the program.

1:50PM Exhibitors / Poster Gallery

2:00PM

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2:00PM Second Breakout Session 2:50PM

Breakout 1: Language is the Key! Tracking Your Child's Language Development

speakers: Robin Bliven

Director of Outreach, VSDB

Tracey Yurechko

Project Director, Technical Assistance Center for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, VCU

This presentation will discuss the impacts of hearing loss on language development and academic performance, as well as the progress monitoring tools that can be used at home or school to support language development continually.

Breakout 2: Bimodal-Bilingual Videobooks

Shared Reading Activities for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and (Hearing) Adults

speaker: Donna Jo Napoli, PhD

Professor of Linguistics and Social Justice, Swarthmore College

This presentation will discuss essential elements for acquisition of child literacy and introduce bimodal-bilingual videobooks as a tool to encourage shared reading activities between children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and (hearing) adults. Research will be shown on the effectiveness of shared reading activities.

Breakout 3: Supporting Families through Care Connection for Children

speaker: Marcus Allen, MPH

Program Director, CYSHCN, VDH

This presentation will provide an overview of the Care Connection for Children program, a statewide network of centers of excellence for children and youth with special health needs. Specialty medical services, care coordination, medical insurance benefits evaluation and coordination, information and referrals to CYSHCN resources, and the Child Development Clinic program will be discussed.

2:50PM Refreshment Break / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery

3:00PM



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MAY 17 FRIDAY

DAY 2

3:00PM Third Breakout Session 3:50PM **Breakout 1: Virginia's Deaf Mentor Project** speakers: Eric Raff Director, VDDHH Melissa Forkner Deaf Mentor Coordinator, VDDHH This presentation will provide an overview of the VDDHH's Deaf Mentor Project, a comprehensive program designed to support families with deaf and hard of hearing children. Deaf Mentors, curriculum, resources, and connections to promote understanding, communication, and inclusivity within the Deaf community will be discussed. SB **Breakout 2:** Virginia's cCMV Testing Updates speaker: Leigh Emma Lion, MS Newborn Screening Lab Manager, DCLS This presentation will provide an understanding of Virginia's cCMV screening program, an overview of cCMV testing procedures, and review new updates to cCMV testing. A comparison of testing methods and evaluation of the data will be presented. **Breakout 3:** Diversity, Equity and Inclusion when Working with Families speaker: Rashaun Davis, PhD Lead Consultant, R. Charles Davis Consulting This presentation will discuss the ways in which diversity, equity, and inclusion are important considerations when working with families, specifically for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, and how to approach these topics. 3:50PM Exhibitors / Posters 4:00PM **EHDI Meet and Greet / Parent Meet and Greet** 4:00PM TBA 5:00PM

END OF DAY

7:30AM BREAKFAST / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery 8:30AM 8:30AM Opening Remarks 8:45AM speaker: Dana Yarbrough Director, Center for Family Involvement, VCU **EHDI Systems Mapping** 8:45AM 9:45AM speaker: Akilah Heggs, AuD Public Health Analyst, Maternal Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration This presentation will provide guidance from our federal partners at HRSA and provide an introduction into conducting system mapping. 9:45AM CMV Infection During Pregnancy 10:15AM Will the Baby Get Congenital CMV Infection? Infectious Disease Considerations for Mother and Baby speaker: Dr. Rebecca Levorson, MD **Pediatric Infectious Disease** This presentation will provide an in-depth overview of congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV), the transmission and infection process of CMV during pregnancy, screening methods, and treatment methods. The implications of long-term risks and management for children with CMV and monitoring by pediatricians and other health specialists will be discussed. **10:15AM** Fatherhood 101 10:45AM speaker: Rashaun Davis, PhD Lead Consultant and Professor, R. Charles Davis Consulting 10:45AM Refreshment Break / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery 11:00AM 11:00AM Parent Lived Experiences 12:00PM facilitator: Rashaun Davis, PhD Lead Consultant and Professor, R. Charles Davis Consulting panelists: Megan Becker, EdD **Whitney Breeding** Panel Parent Representative Panel Parent Representative This panel presentation will allow an open discussion with parents of children who are deaf/hard of hearing (DHH) or have Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) regarding their experiences and personal stories. 12:00PM LUNCH 1:00PM

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1:00PM First Breakout Session 1:50PM

Breakout 1: The Virginia Communication Plan

speaker: Robin Bliven

Director of Outreach, VSDB

Tracey Yurechko

Project Director, Technical Assistance Center for Children

who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, VCU

This presentation will review the Virginia Communication Plan tool and its use in the educational planning process for a child who is deaf or hard of hearing. The importance of language and vocabulary assessment and how to apply knowledge of a child and their family's language and communication choices to the communication plan will also be discussed.

Breakout 2: cCMV Clinical Scenarios in Pregnancy and in Babies-You Be the Doctor!

speaker: Rebecca Levorson, MD

Pediatric Infectious Disease

This presentation will be an interactive review of case scenarios for consideration on whether CMV is present. The presenter will share possible options, for management and review of these cases. With audience participation of selection of management options the presenter will discuss different outcomes based on selections.

Breakout 3: Any Age and Any Stage: Understanding Postnatal Hearing Loss

speakers: Valerie James Abbott

Parent Advocate with Padapillo PBLLC and El Service Coordinator, with ITC Henrico

Alison King, PhD

Asst. Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Longwood University

This presentation will deliver knowledge on postnatal hearing loss, identify reasons risk factors and signs of unidentified hearing loss are often overlooked, and review the impacts of hearing loss on early language and literacy skills and development. Additionally, new ways to promote ongoing hearing health monitoring of children during early childhood will be explored.

1:50PM Exhibitors / Posters 2:00PM



2:00PM Second Breakout Session 2:50PM

Breakout 1: Using the CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early."

Resources to support family engagement for early engagement of hearing loss in deaf and hard of hearing infants and young children in Virginia.

speaker: Deana Buck

Act Early Ambassador, VCU

This presentation will review the CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early" resources for use in meeting the 1-3-6 EHDI benchmarks for early identification of hearing loss in infants and children. Materials will be provided and reviewed and there will be a discussion on identifying local partners that might benefit from integrating these resources so that children and families receive the necessary support as early as possible.

Breakout 2: Collaborative Alliances

Strengthen Connections Among Educational Entities

speaker: Jerri Seremeth

Family Language Connector Program Coordinator, Gallaudet University

This presentation will discuss the ways in which the Family Language Connector Program at Gallaudet University foster collaborative alliances, bridge gaps between educational entities and FLCP, and nurture these connections among educational institutions, early intervention providers, and early childhood teachers.

Breakout 3: The Power of Parents: The Importance of Family Support

speakers: Teri Urban

Chair, Virginia Hands & Voices

Alicia Rodriguez

Parent and Board Member, Virginia Hands & Voices

Karen Woolman, AuD

Pediatric Audiologist, Children's National Medical Center

This presentation will discuss the power of parent-to-parent support, Family Mentoring services and referrals to Hands & Voices, and emphasize the importance of families and professionals collaborating to determine the best outcomes for their deaf/hard of hearing child. Parent board members and a pediatric audiologist will deliver this presentation to highlight the impacts of this organization on family support and connection.

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VDH/DCLS Team

FAMILY FUN DAY!

at Maymont

Join us for a fun-filled family day at Maymont Park with families of children with hearing loss and cCMV! Families will have the opportunity to meet and interact with each other, as well as engage with professionals.

- Family-friendly activities
- Nature Center tickets
- Lunch
- FREE parking

Saturday, May 18, 2024 10am-1pm

Maymont Park, 1700 Hampton St, Richmond, VA 23220







Prior registration is required.

Please contact us at va_ehdi@vdh.virginia.gov for questions.

This event is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program and the Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for Family Involvement.

We want to thank Ella and Mazie for the wonderful illustrations!



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EHDI Advisory Committee

The Virginia Department of Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Advisory Committee was established on July 1, 2000.

The Mission of the Advisory Committee is to advise, support, and assist the Virginia Department of Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program. Listed to the right are the current VA EHDI Advisory Committee members.

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