

## State Meetings

Again this year at the annual EHDI conference, time will be provided to help participants maximize what they learn at the conference and use the new knowledge to improve their state's EHDI system when they return home. Two sessions at the conference will be devoted to collaboration and planning for each state. During these sessions, participants from each state will meet together to coordinate attendance at workshops and to develop a written EHDI Action plan for their state's EHDI system.

### Preparing for the EHDI Conference:

- Prior to the conference, participants are encouraged to reflect on the status of their state's EHDI system and also what they would like to learn from the conference workshops. Conference participants may want to review the following items:
  - Last year's State Team Action Plan from the 2009 conference which is available at <http://ehdiconference.org/State.cfm> for those states that submitted them.
  - The SWOT (Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats) analysis which was completed prior to the 2009 conference. You may wish to contact your state EHDI coordinator for a copy of your state's SWOT analysis.
  - Goals, objectives and activities for their state's HRSA and/or CDC grants and, if applicable, other funding sources.
  - State EHDI laws and regulations
  - Joint Committee on Infant Hearing 2007 Position Statement and the Implementation Checklist.
- Individual participants are encouraged to complete the Pre-Conference Individual Reflection and Planning form. The schedule for the conference and abstracts for all of the sessions are available on the conference website. This information may be used during any pre-conference planning meetings or during State Meeting sessions at the conference.
- States may choose to communicate among registered participants prior to the conference for preliminary planning purposes to discuss state priorities and initiatives.

### During the EHDI Conference:

- **Monday, March 1, 2010 - 9:45 to 10:35 am** - The initial meeting may include introductions, defining EHDI priorities in the state/territory, and devising a strategy for the participants to gain as much information as possible during the conference. Each state group may review the Conference Program Book and decide how to coordinate attendance at sessions so that representatives from the state have the opportunity attend sessions that are most relevant to priorities in their state. The *Team-Up at the EHDI Conference* worksheet will be provided as a template to help the group ensure that the participants attend sessions with information relevant to their state's priorities.
- **Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – 7:30 to 8:30 am** - During the second meeting, the state participants will reconvene to determine specific actions that can be taken by the group to address one or more of the priorities of the EHDI system in the state/territory. Groups are encouraged to consider actions that work in tandem with state plans such as those developed for CDC and HRSA grants or activities related to the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing's 2007 recommendations. The EHDI Action Plan form has been provided as a template to assist the state participants in detailing actions to take within the next 12 months. A "goal bank" will be available to provide ideas of possible goals to consider.

### Following the EHDI Conference:

- The NCHAM Network Consultants will be available to provide technical assistance, as needed, to support the action plan the state group develops. Prior to the 2011 EHDI Conference, each state group will be asked to provide a brief update on accomplishments and progress made.