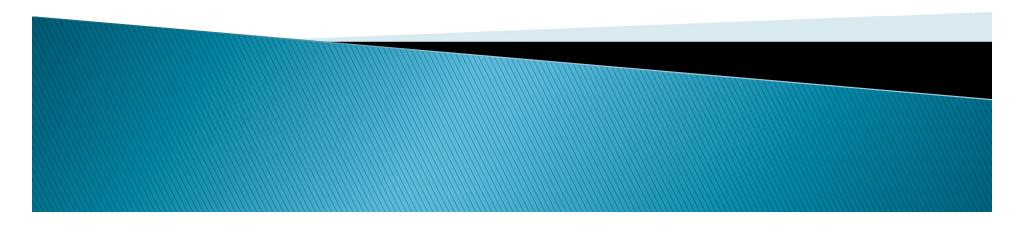
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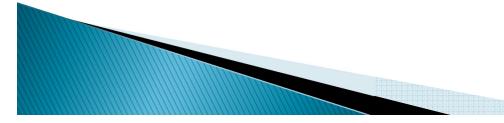
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Maine EHDI Who are we?

- Anne Banger Follow-up Coordinator
- Darlene Freeman
 Parent Consultant
- Karen Hopkins

 Director
 Early Childhood and Family Services
 MECDHH

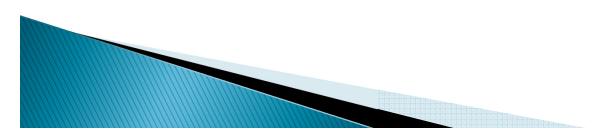




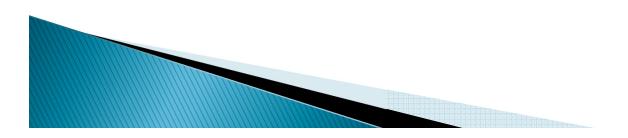


Who are you?





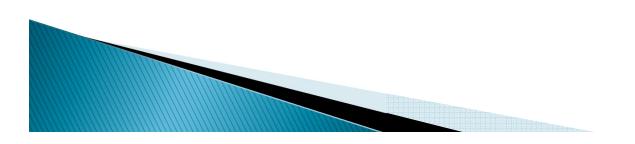
History of Maine EHDI



2005

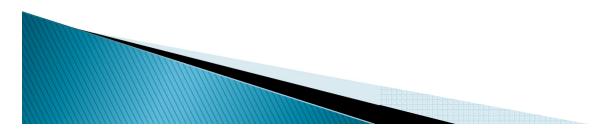
First year full hearing screen data was collected in Maine

	2005
Screen	94%
Follow–Up	34%
Part C	10%



Importance of Parent Role Identified.....

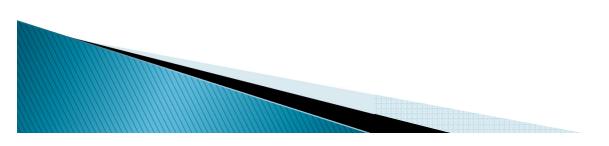
- Parent Consultant Position Created
- Funded by HRSA Grant
- Contract position
- Home-based office



2007 Parent Consultant Hired

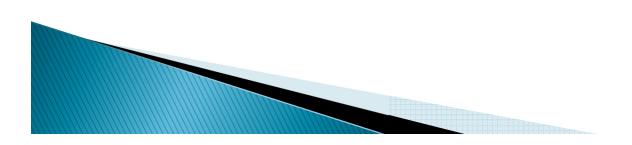
- Parent
- Part-time position
- Role
 - Family support following diagnosis
 - Start Hands & Voices in Maine





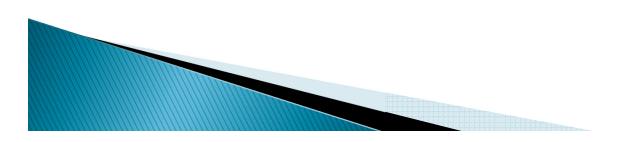
2007 Law changed

- Mandated Audiology Reporting
 - Anyone performing screens or diagnostics through age 3
 - Reports submitted via webform or manually



Data

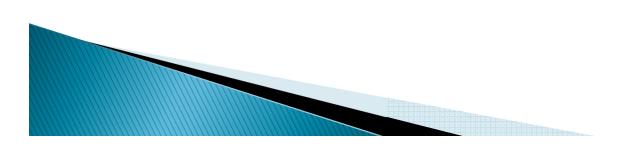
	2005	2006	2007
Screened	94%	97%	98%
Follow-Up	34%	34%	50%
Part C	10%	21%	30%



2009 Law changed

Hospitals mandated to schedule follow-up appointment

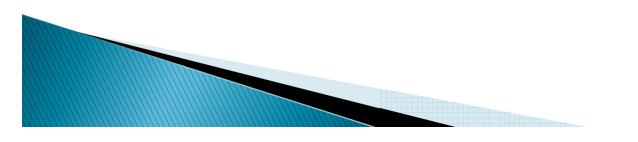
 Still no follow-up coordinator position to follow up on refers



2010 Follow-up Coordinator position created

- Parent, full-time contracted position
- Role
 - Contact PCP and Audiologist on refer

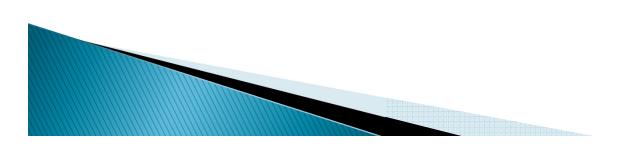
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Part C	10%	21%	30%	35%



2011 New Parent Consultant Hired

Focus shifted to include follow-up with parents

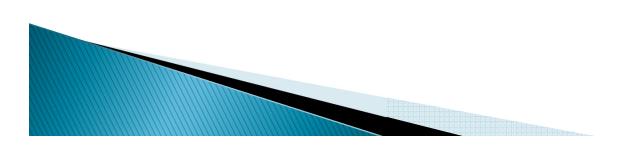
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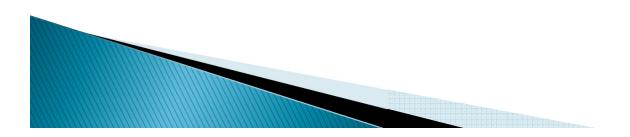
2012 New Follow-up Coordinator Hired

Focus on proactive case management

	2005	2006	2007	2010	2011	2012
Screened	94%	97%	98%	98%	98%	98%
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Part C	10%	21%	30%	35%	32%	48%



Where we are now.....



By one month of age

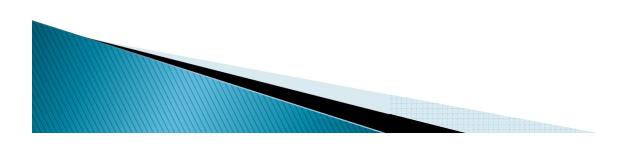
- When baby refers on Newborn Hearing Screen...
 - Screening facility
 - Required to schedule follow-up appointment
 - Complete and fax Maine EHDI program referral form to PCP and Maine EHDI office



By One Month of Age.....

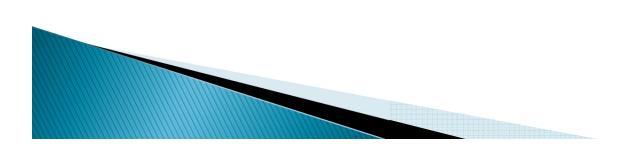
- Maine EHDI program......
 - Follow-up Coordinator contacts screening facility for any missing information on form
 - Follow-up Coordinator contacts PCP
 - Parent Consultant contacts family





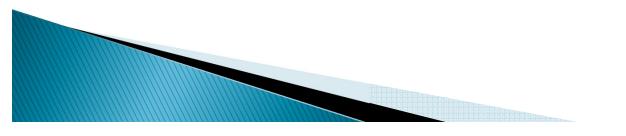
By Three Months of Age....

- Follow-up appointment...
 - Follow-up Coordinator
 - Contacts Audiologist if no report
 - Contacts PCP if no follow-up
 - Parent Consultant
 - Contacts family if no follow-up
 - Contacts family if hearing loss confirmed
 - Collaborates with Early Intervention



By Six Months of Age....

- Parent Consultant
 - Follow–up support
 - Collaborates with early intervention
- Follow-up Coordinator
 - Contacts PCP and Audiologist as needed
- Enrolled in Early Intervention
 - Part C
 - Early Childhood and Family Services (ECFS)
 - Memorandum of Agreement- Part C and ECFS

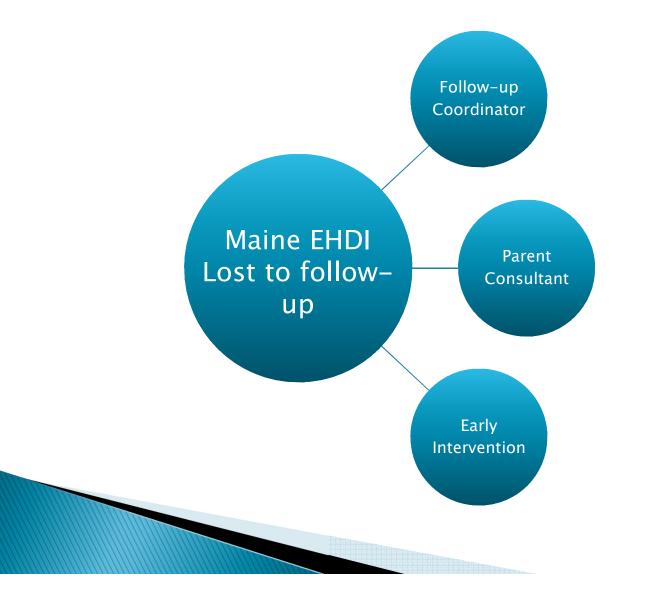


What we have learned.....

- What works
 - Parent Involvement
 - Clear data system
 - Three-pronged approach
 - Collaboration with Follow-up Coordinator, Parent Consultant and Early Intervention

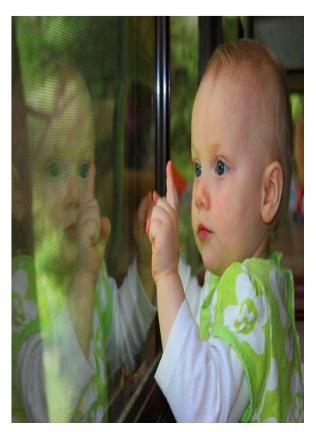


Maine EHDI Three-Pronged Approach



What we have learned.....

- Challenges...
 - Guide By Your Side (GBYS)
 - Lack of Resources
 - Getting Information





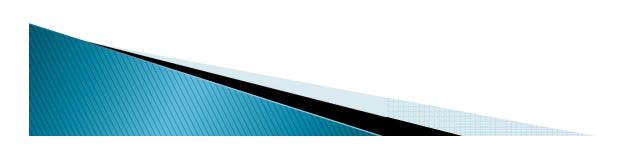
How Maine EHDI benefits from parent involvement...

- Parent-to-parent support
 - Support in the Follow-up Process
- Parent Voice to Professionals
 - Screening Facility, PCP and Audiologist
- Parent Voice in EHDI awareness programs
 - Screening facilities
 - Staff programs
 - Early Intervention
- Improved Data



The data says it all.....

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Thank you!

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