# Achieving Best Practice in Early Intervention

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#### EHDI and Part C

Lead agency Training Family Support Seamless Service

Variability exists among EHDI and Part C programs in their roles, structure and areas of collaboration for service delivery.

Communication Options Info.

#### **Current Focus**

#### Scope of Current Study:

- agency perception of current practices
- agency's role in sharing information on communication options
- the availability of a range of communication options

## JCIH 2007 Position Statement Updates

#### Communication

- Family awareness of all communication options (unbiased presentation)
- Informed family choice and desired outcome guide the decision-making process.

### **Key Concepts**



- Decision-making process
- Range of options
- Unbiased presentation
- Dynamic process (family needs, desired outcomes, assessment guided)

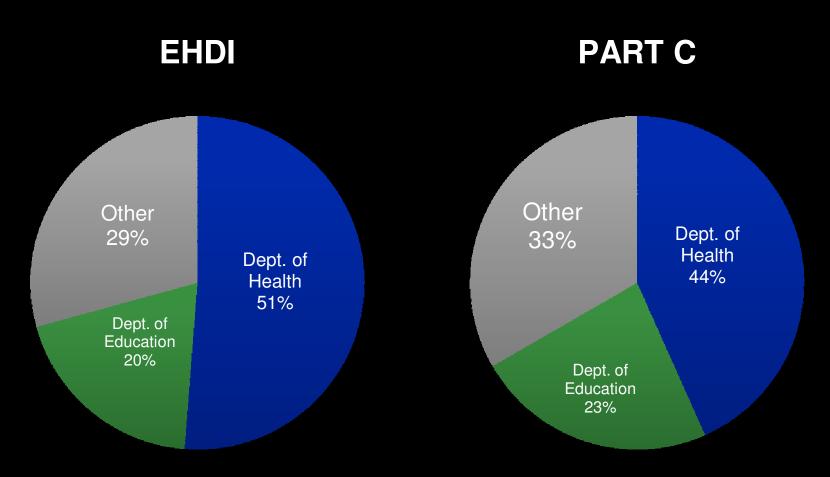
#### Survey

- A fifteen item survey was sent electronically to all Part C and EHDI Coordinators in all 50 states and U.S. territories.
- Total responses:

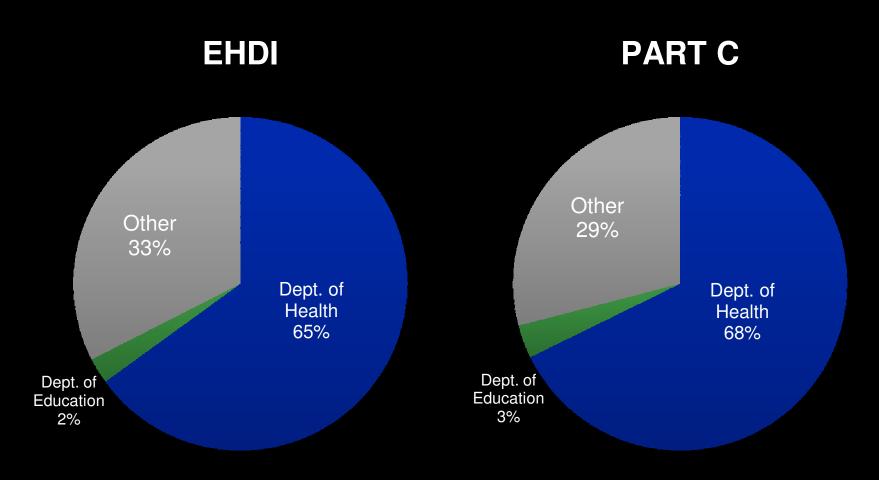
– Part C Coordinators: N=30 or 50%

EHDI Coordinators: N=41 or 69%

## Q1. What agency houses the early intervention/Part C program in your state?



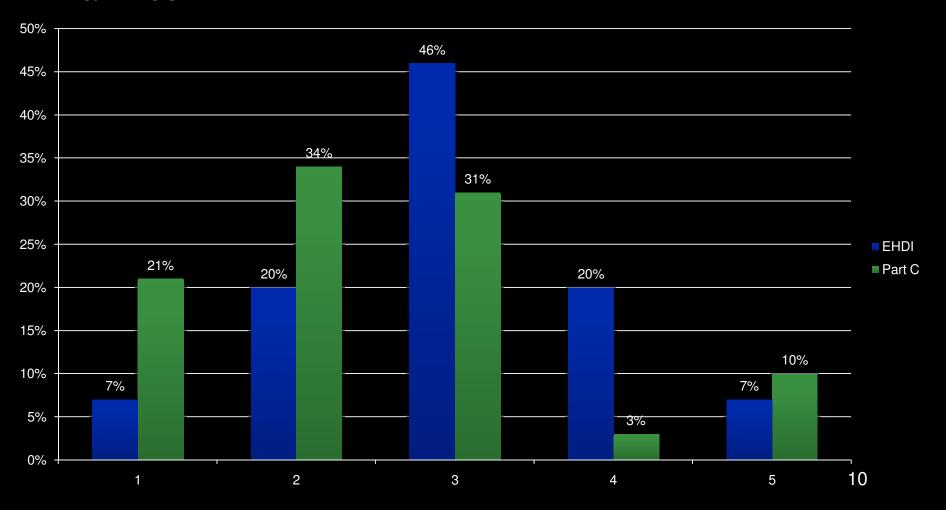
### Q2. What agency houses the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Program?



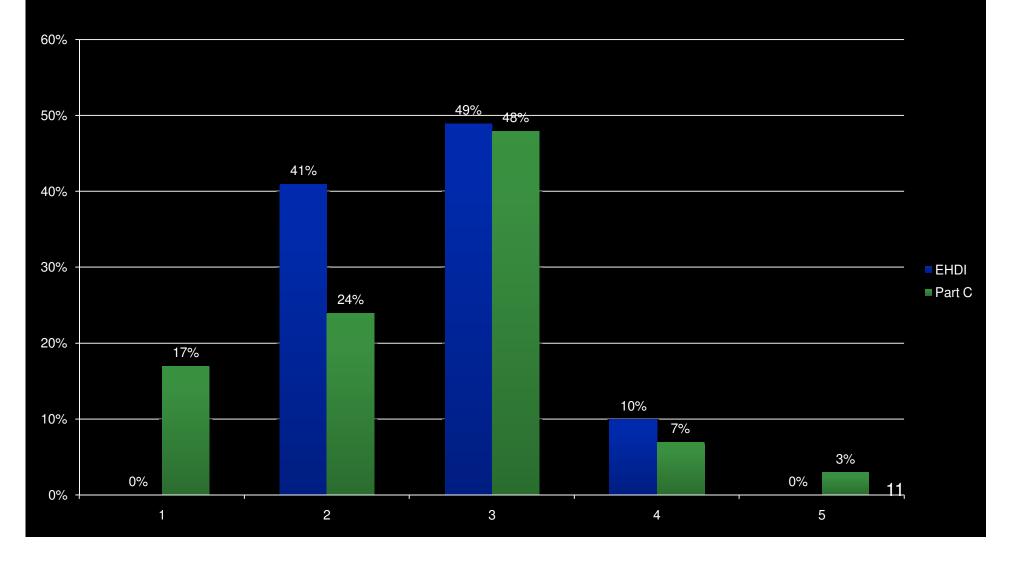
### Q3. Rate the following statements from 1 (Strongly Agree) to 5 (Strongly Disagree).

- Our state/agency offers a seamless system of service coordination among the agencies serving children who are deaf and hard of hearing and their families.
- Our state/territory has excellent strategies for sharing information among providers from screening to diagnosis through intervention.
- Our state/territory has local or regional community capacity necessary to provide early intervention based on a family choice regardless of the selected communication methodology.
- Our state/territory has an identifiable strategy for integrating family support into the system of care for children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

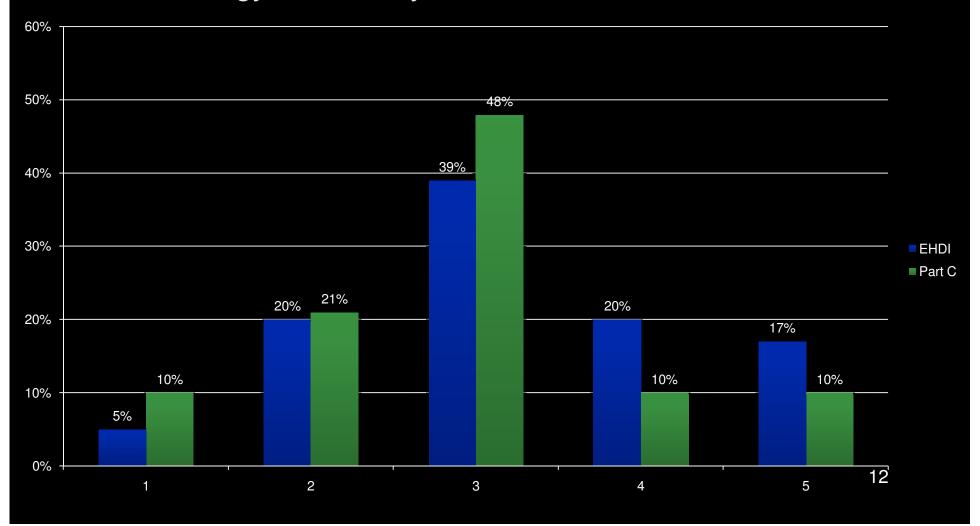
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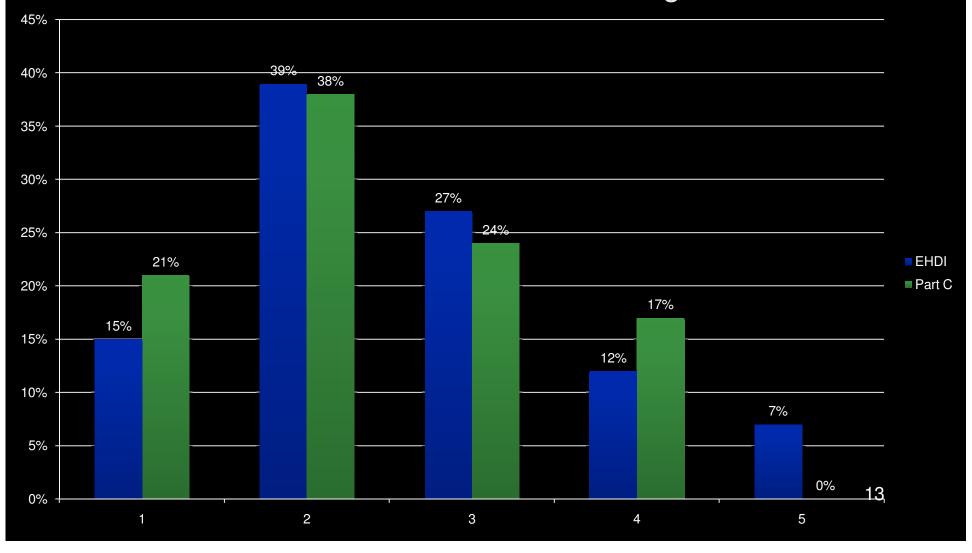
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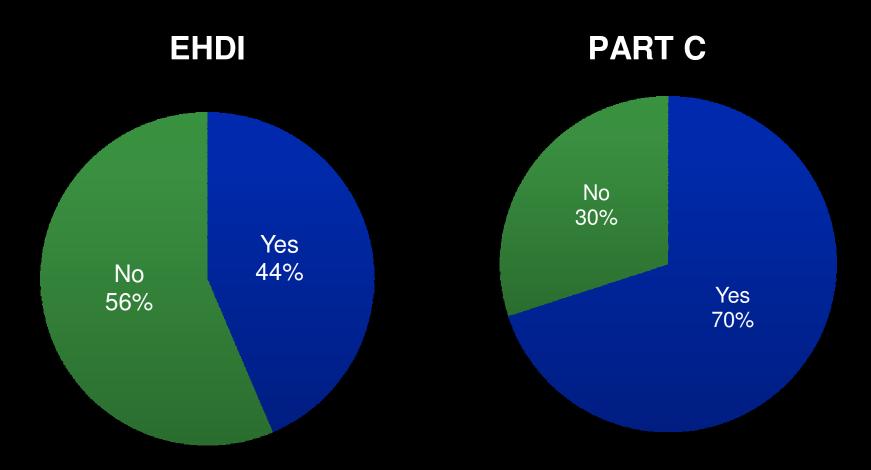
Q3c. Our state/territory has local or regional community capacity necessary to provide early intervention based on a family choice regardless of the selected communication methodology or modality.



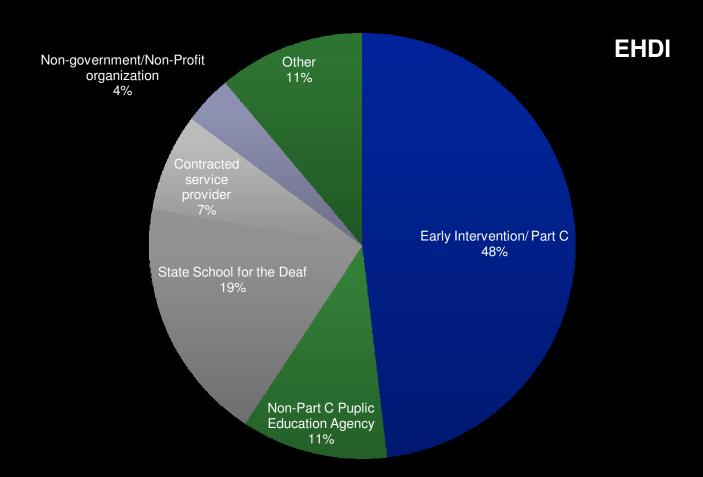
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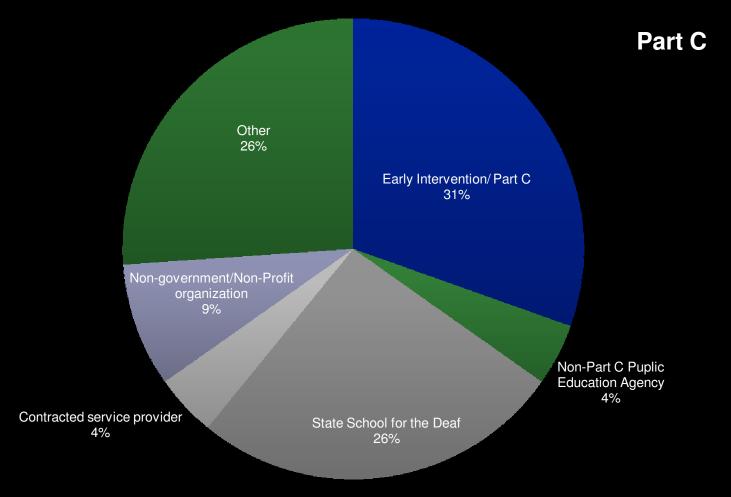
Q4. Has your state designated a specific agency to provide information to parents or caregivers about the range of communication options available in the state?



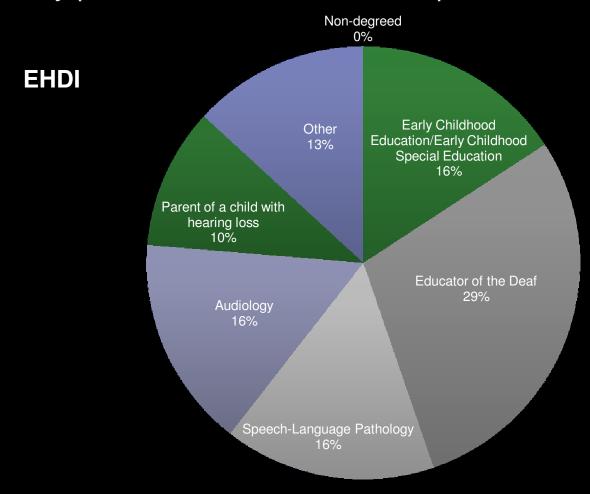
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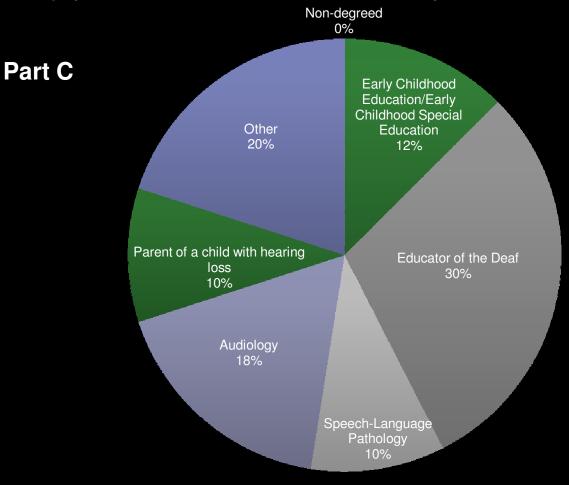
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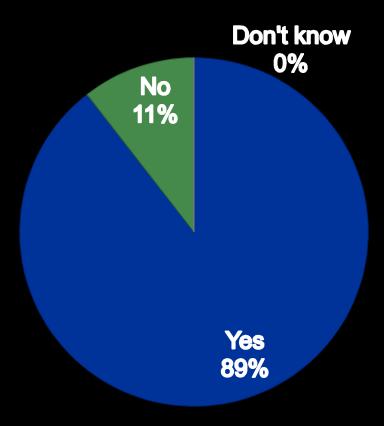
Q6. Within the designated agency providing information about communication options to parents and caregivers, describe the professional background of the individual who typically provides this information to parents and caregivers.



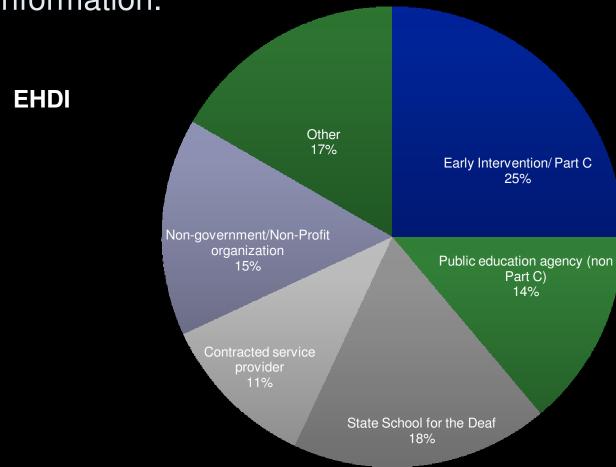
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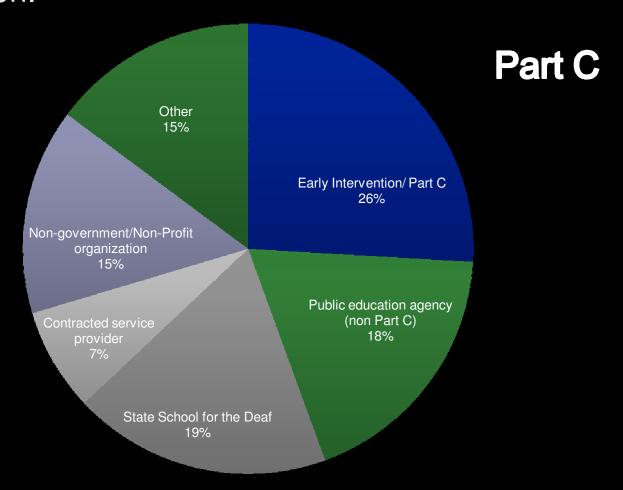
Q7. Does the agency that provides the information about communication options to parents and caregivers ALSO provide direct services/early intervention?



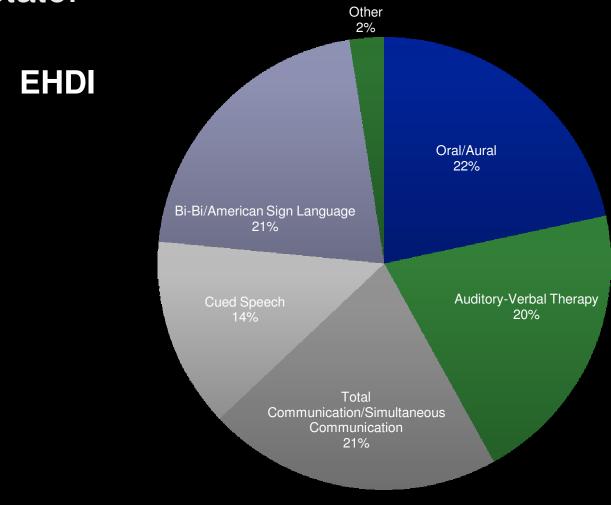
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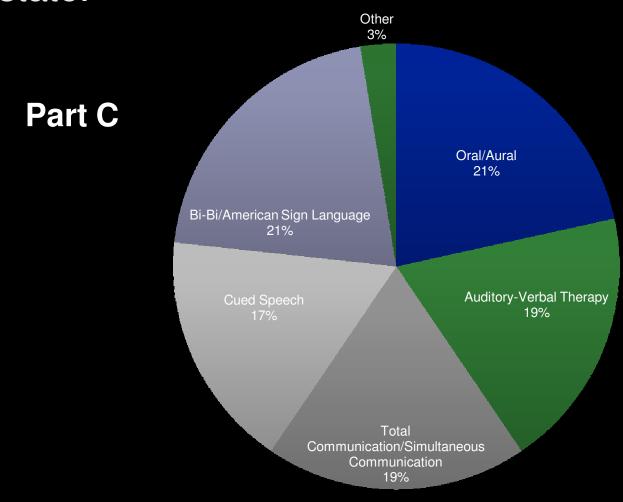
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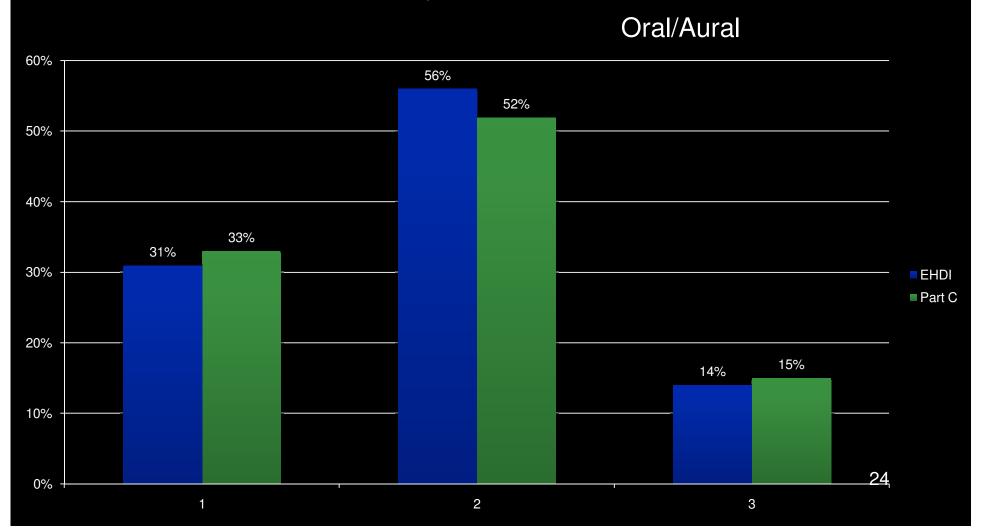
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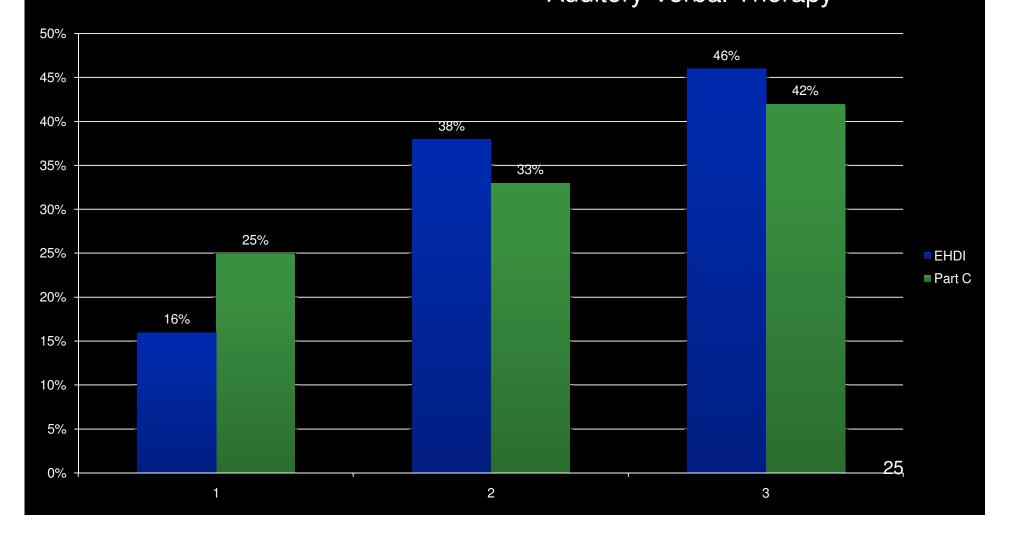


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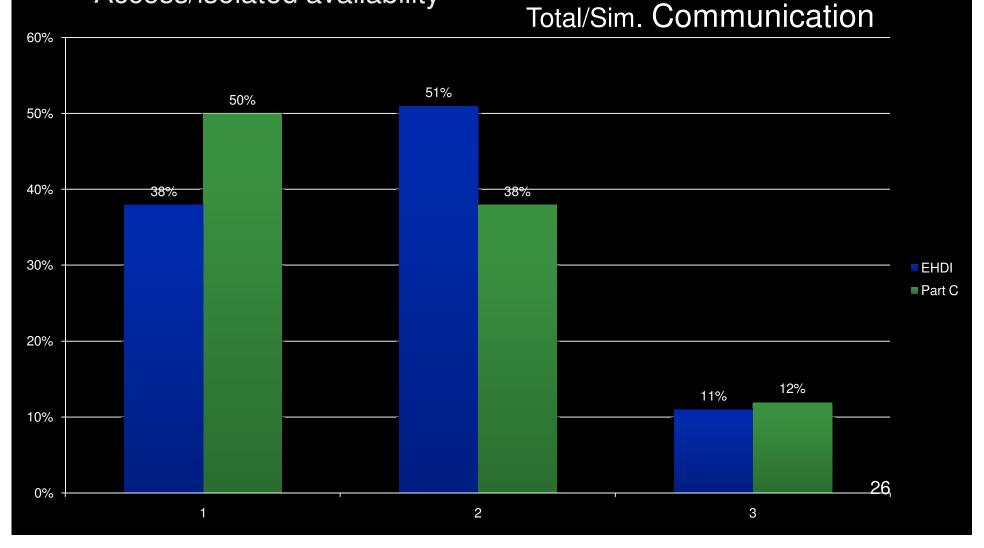


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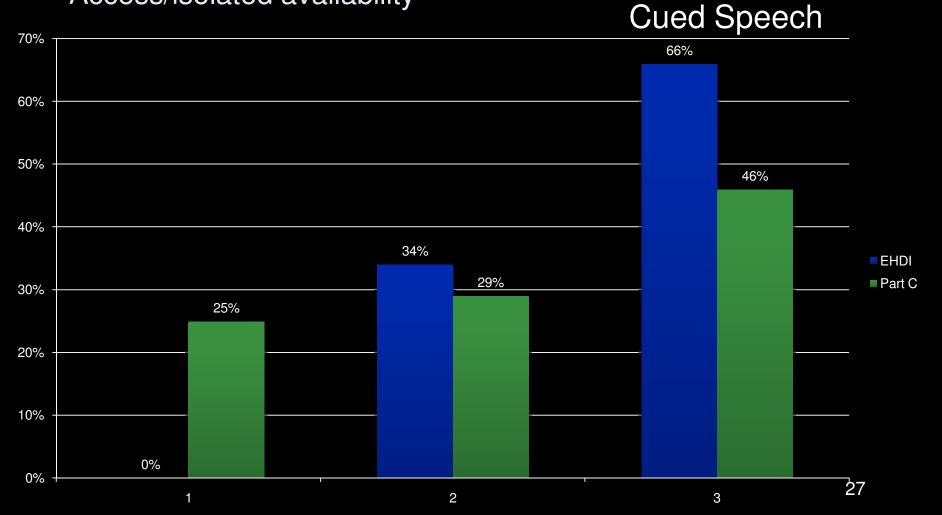
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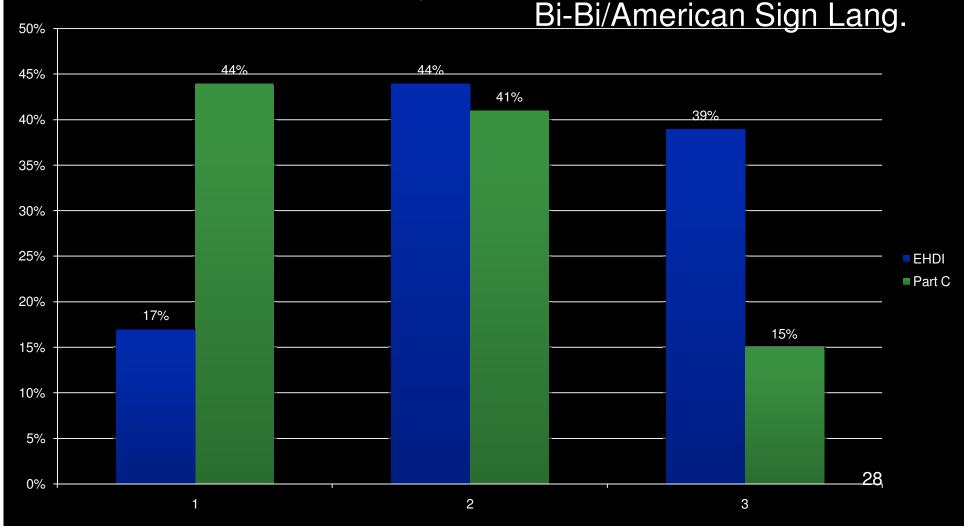
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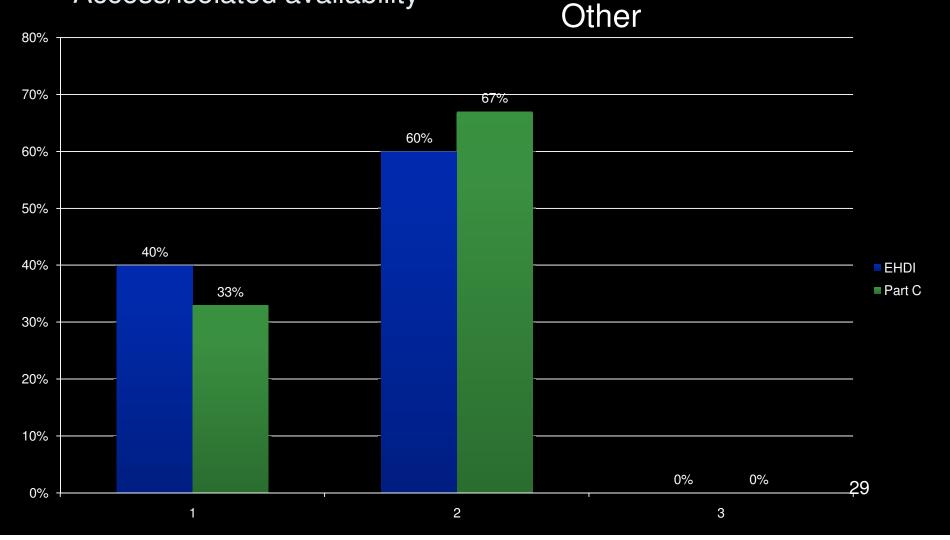
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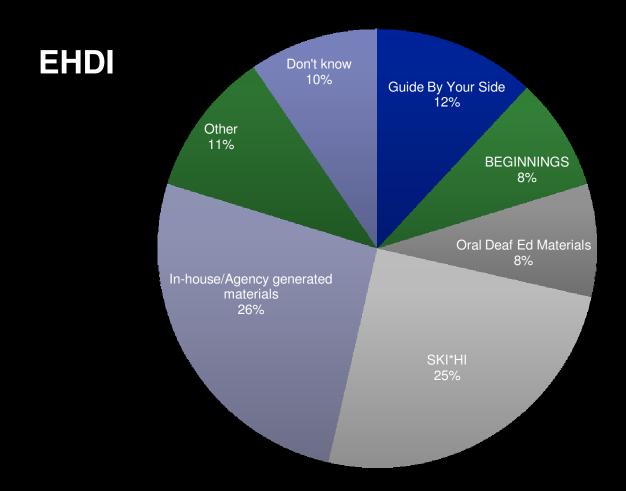
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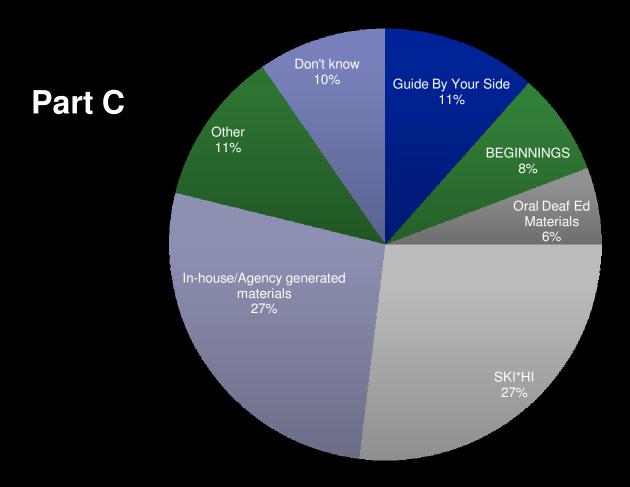
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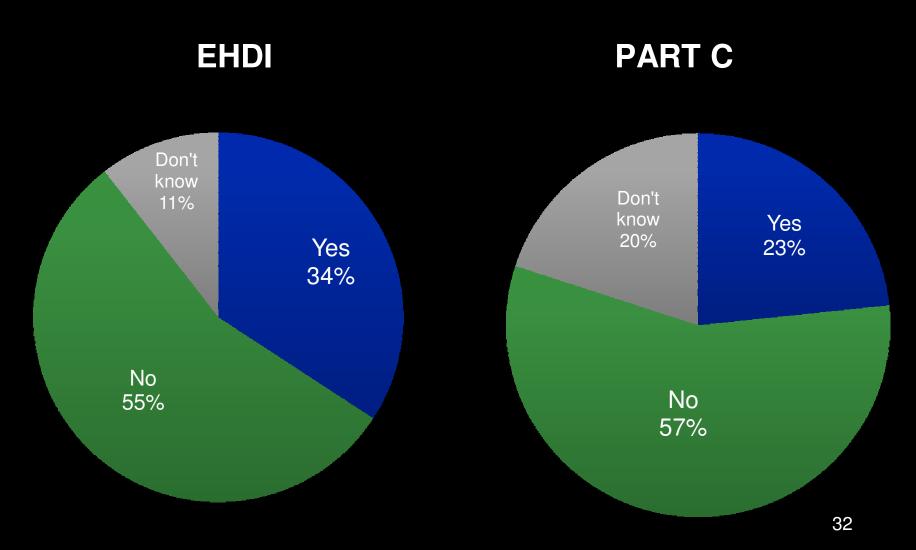
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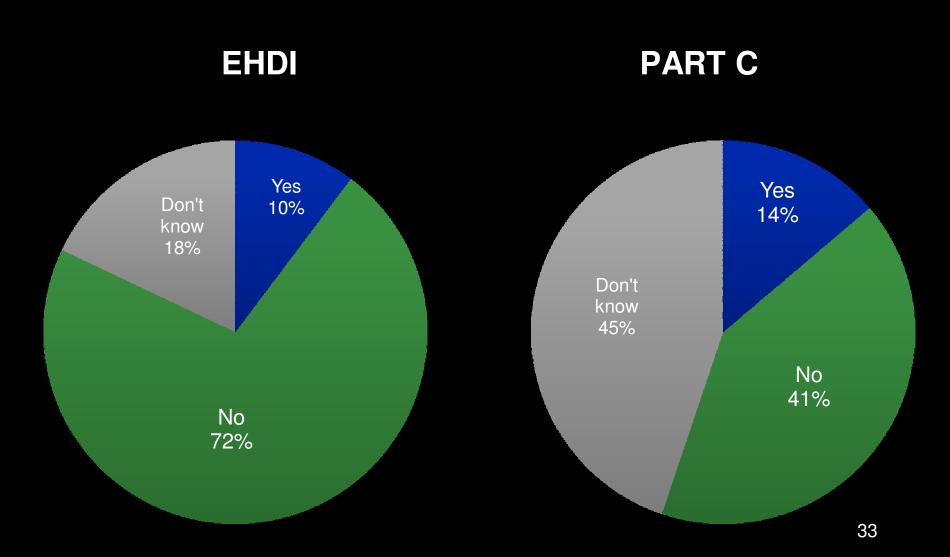
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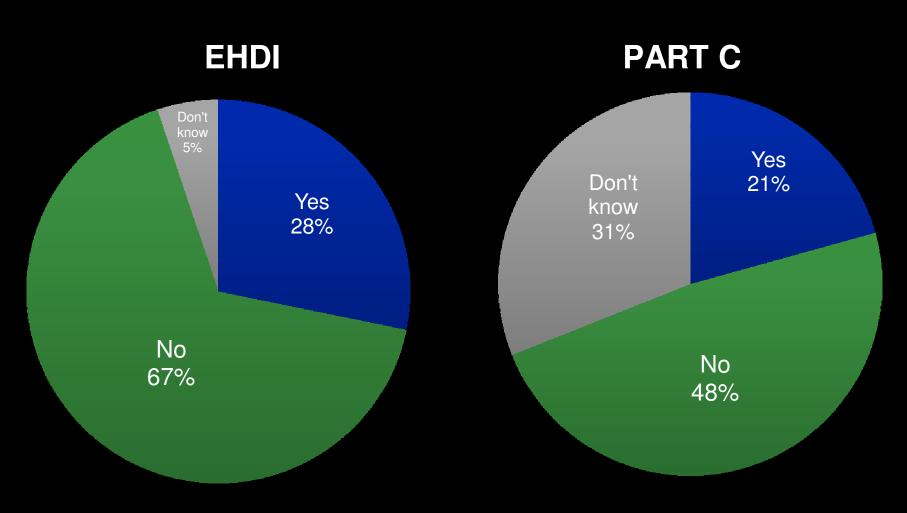
## Q12. Does your state have an established Deaf Mentor Program?



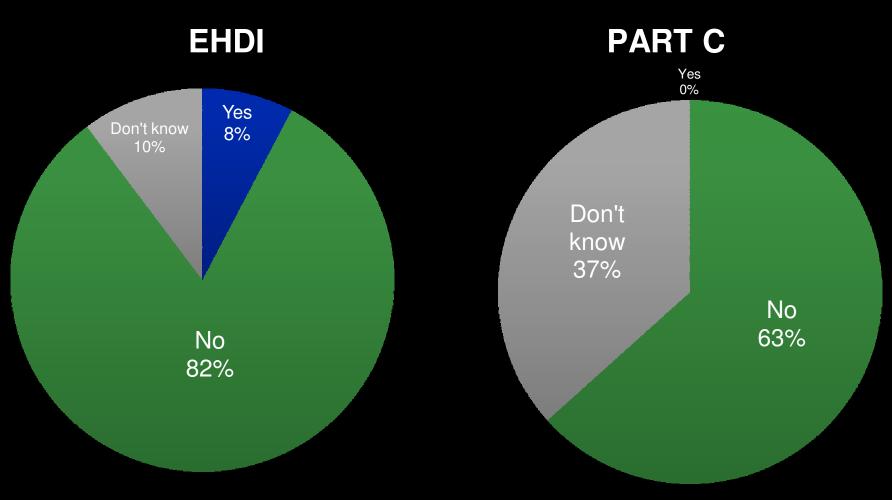
### Q13. Has your state passed legislation in support of a Deaf Child's Bill of Rights?



### Q14. Has your state passed legislation for insurance coverage of hearing aids?



### Q15. Has your state passed legislation for insurance coverage of cochlear implants?



Thank you for listening!