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A Resource Guide for Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)

goal To ensure all infants & toddlers with hearing loss are identified as early as possible & provided with timely & appropriate audiological, educational, & medical intervention.

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Why an E-Book?

- Comprehensive
- Current
- Colorful
- Convenient

Chapter 1: The Foundations and Evolution of EHDI

- Karl White, Irene Forsman, John Eichwald and Karen Munoz

- "Providing appropriate medical, audiological and educational services to infants and young children with permanent hearing loss is a complex, multi-faceted undertaking."

Chapter 2:
Newborn Hearing Screening

- Randi Winston & Karen Ditty
- "UNHS should follow an established set of policies and procedures that define the Who, What, When, Where and How for the hospital or birthing center."

Chapter 3:
Tracking and Follow-up

- Jeff Hoffman & Randi Winston

- "Although states and jurisdictions have implemented UNHS programs, appropriate and timely follow-up for infants who need further testing continues to be a major problem"

Chapter 4: Assessment of the Young Pediatric Patient

- Diane Sabo

- "Parents do not often understand that the diagnostic and habilitation process in young children with hearing loss is a process, and that process goes on for many years as communication skills emerge."

- Comprehensive, evidence-based protocols for the critical diagnostic assessments

Chapter 5: Parent Counseling in the Internet Age

- Les R. Schmeltz

- "If there is one key concept to be learned regarding counseling, it would be to listen to what families are trying to tell you."

- Discusses the changing dynamics of today's families and how EHDI personnel can be more effective parent counselors.

Chapter 6: Assistive Devices for the Hearing-Impaired Child

- Rebekah Cunningham
- "It must be the ultimate goal for each child to receive maximal benefit from their assistive technology and be equipped to lead a healthy, productive life.
- Discusses amplification, cochlear implants and assistive listening devices

Chapter 7: Early Intervention for Children Birth to 3

- Marilyn Sass-Lehrer
- "Early intervention makes a positive difference in the lives of the majority of children and should emphasize enhancing family involvement and communicative interactions."

Chapter 8: Family Support & Cultural Competence

- Janet DesGeorges

- "Families feel supported by professionals when they perceive the relationship to be a collaborative partnership built on trust."

- Discusses the critical components of family support from a parent's perspective

Chapter 9: Quality Assurance & Improvement

- Terry Foust, Au.D.

- "Program evaluation is critical to improving effectiveness, cost efficiency, and overall sustainability of an EHDI program."

- Discusses the importance of continuous improvement and documentation

Chapter 10:
Financing and Sustainability

- Terry Foust & Karen Ditty

- "Since EHDI is considered a standard of care, the ability of a program to sustain itself is of vital importance."

- Discusses considerations necessary to obtain and retain adequate program funding.

Chapter 11: Information Management

- Les R. Schmeltz

- "While no system will provide for seamless, humanless information management, automation is essential to timely reporting, tracking and follow-up."

- Discusses the vital role information management plays in the EHDI system

Chapter 12:
Bringing It All Together

- Faye P. McCollister
- "Efforts are being made by dedicated individuals who realize the tremendous advantages for deaf or hard-of-hearing children, their families, and society in general when EHDI program objectives are met successfully in a timely fashion."
- Great advice for the new EHDI coordinator.

Ch. 13 Early Childhood Hearing Screening

- William Eiserman & Lenore Shisler

- "The fact that Head Start programs are already routinely conducting hearing screening presents a great opportunity to expand EHDI outreach well beyond newborn screening."

Meet Some of the Authors

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