



Wisconsin Sound Beginnings Putting Quality Improvement into Practice

**2011 EHDI Grantee Meeting
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Background

- Wisconsin one of 8 states who participated in the first EHDI Learning Collaborative
- State replication in 2009-2010
 - 7 county teams
 - Barron, Dane, Eau Claire, Fox Valley, Marathon, Milwaukee, Wood
 - Multidisciplinary teams with hospital staff (nursery, NICU); primary care/medical home; audiology; specialty care (ENT, genetics); Birth-3; parents; Guide By Your Side; Regional Centers for CYSHCN
- Regional spread meetings 2010-2011 and toolkit



Early Hearing Detection and Intervention A Roadmap to Success

- [medical home](#)
- [inpatient screening](#)
- [outpatient screening](#)
- [pediatric audiology](#)
- [early intervention](#)
- [specialty care](#)
- [state EHDI program](#)

Working Together to Close the EHDI Follow-up Gap

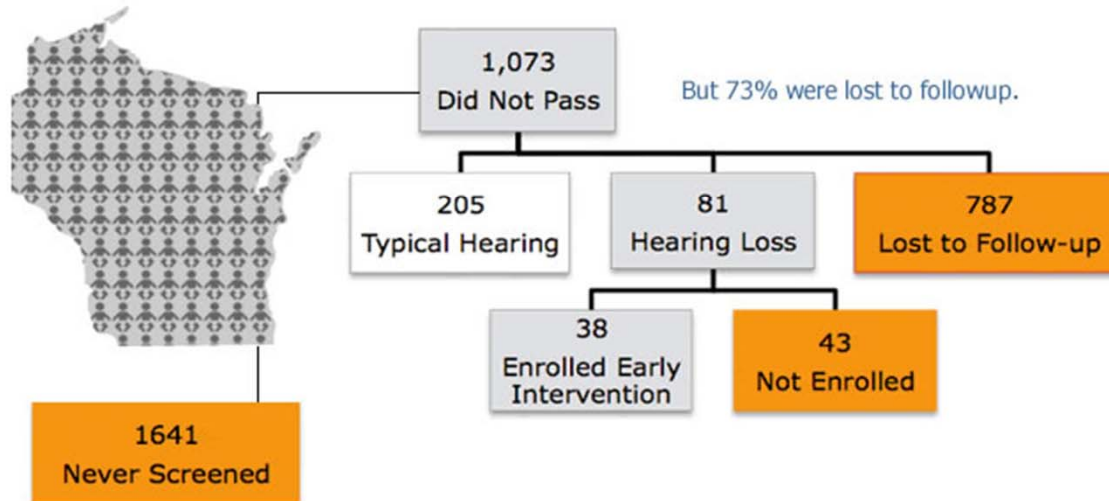


roadmap for success

- [find Wisconsin providers](#)
- [resources for families](#)

CLOSING THE FOLLOW-UP GAP

In 2007, 97.7% of newborns were screened for hearing loss.



Follow these infants in the [Sound Beginnings WE-TRAC report](#).

THE ROADMAP TO SUCCESS

Improving communication among Early Hearing Detection and Intervention providers and between providers and families can eliminate loss to follow-up and assure a sound beginning for Wisconsin infants.

Use this Toolkit to learn about:

- **The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing Position Statement** and the [1-3-6 month algorithm](#).
- **Improvement Strategies** identified by the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ).
- **Best Practice Guidelines and Tools for Improvement** tested by communities of practice in Wisconsin where they have successfully closed the follow-up gap.





Best Thing: WSB Team Reflections



- Seeing the participants attitude change as they collected data and saw that the change was in fact an improvement
- Watching implementation of the small tests of change empower individuals to try bold new ideas
- Meeting partners face-to-face and working together to create solutions
- Sharing information in person about the data tracking system or ideas for follow up
- Connecting EHDI with other CYSHCN initiatives and resources





Biggest Challenge: WSB Team Reflections



- Recruitment of teams that represent the EHDI continuum
- Conveying the value of data collection
- Keeping teams motivated especially to collect and send in data
- Reaching those in greatest need of improvement





Strategies

- Recruitment
 - Designate regional contacts/leads to assist with reminder phone calls – emails alone are not enough
 - Use professional networks; keep them informed of progress through listservs, newsletters; obtain CEUs for participation
- Data Collection
 - WE-TRAC provided team, region and state level data; teams saw the importance of data collection
 - Specific personal outreach to select locations in need of improvement with WE-TRAC data reports





Key Strategy

- Get Families Involved – Regional Guides supported teams and family team members
- Family involvement helped keep other team members motivated





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