



Field of Dreams:

Building, Believing and Achieving for Infants and
Children with Hearing Loss

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Recession Challenges for State Programs

- Early intervention program
- State health department
- Education
- Medicaid



OK Hearing Loss Statistics (2008)

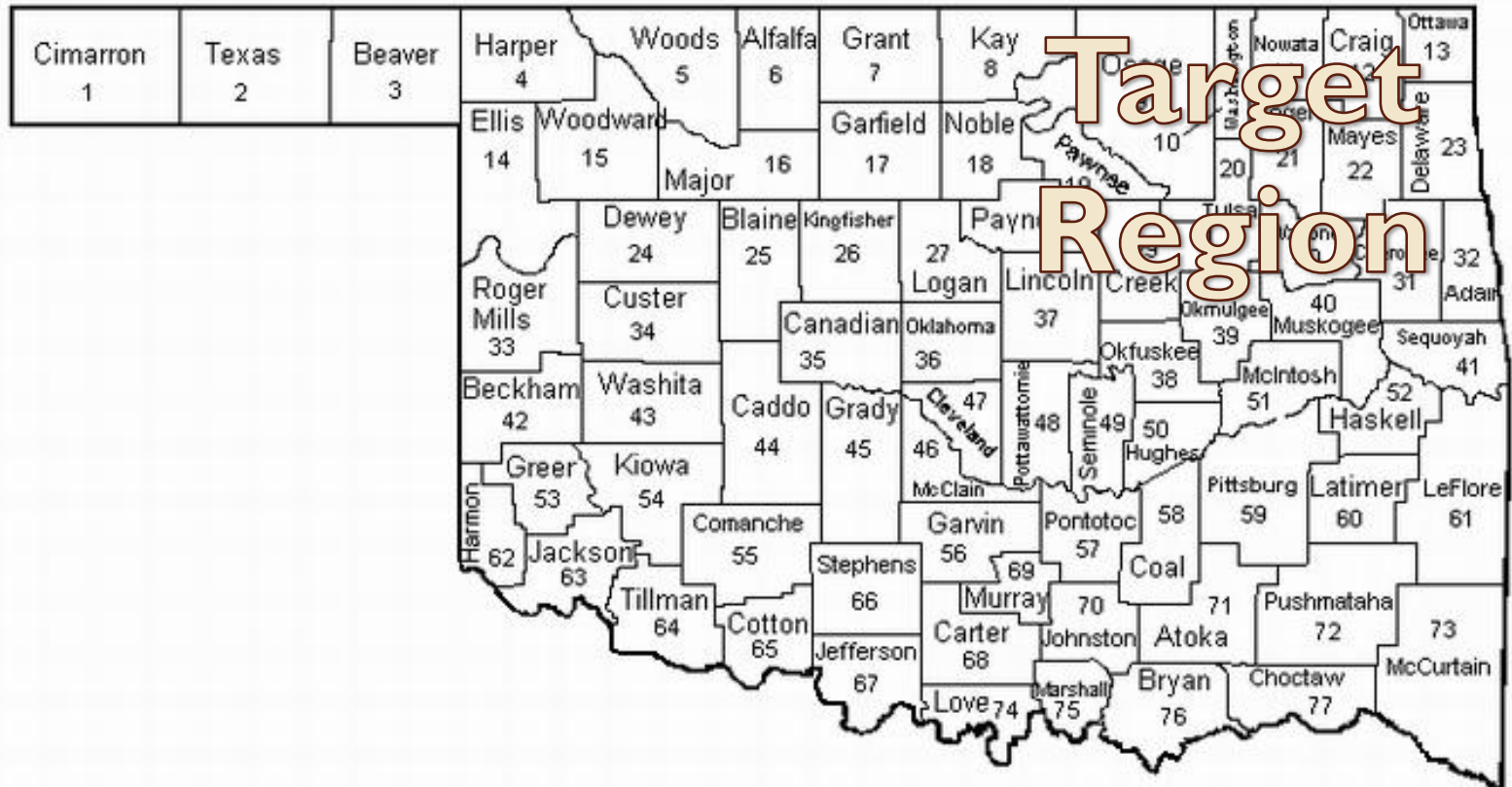
- Births- 53,735
- Screened- 52,980 (98.6%)
- Not screened- 755 (1.4%)
- Referred- 2,607 (4.9%)
- Passed, at risk- 2,845
- Tracked- 6,207
- Lost to follow-up- 19%

Oklahoma Hearing Loss Statistics (2008)



• Confirmed hearing loss-		94
◦ 1 month of age	25	
◦ 3 months of age		13
◦ 6 months		22
◦ After 6 months	15	
◦ Age not reported		5
◦ Late onset by 3 months		1
◦ Late onset by 6 months		2
◦ After 6 months	11	
Enrolled in EI		80 (14 not eligible)

Oklahoma Region Served



Collaboration-The act of working together with one or more people in order to achieve something.



Collaboration Quotes:

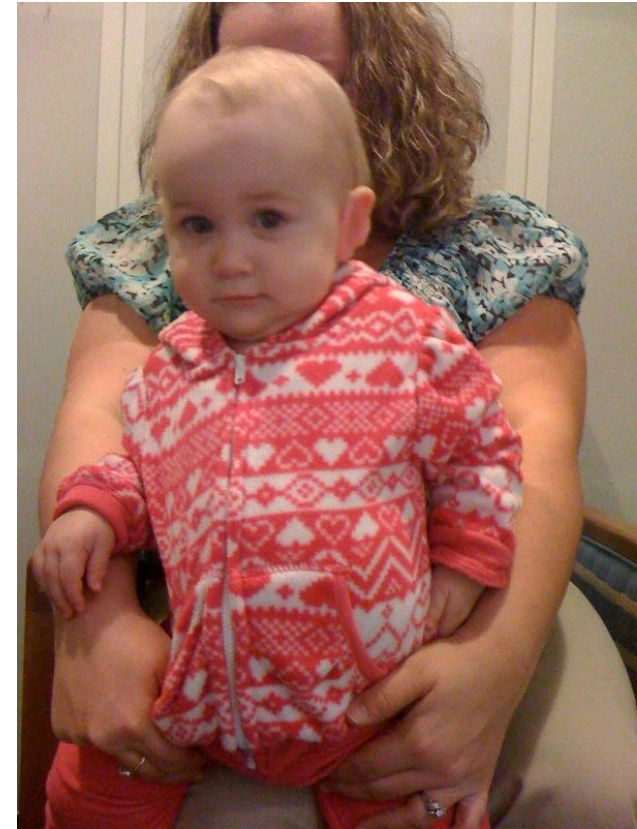
- *Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds.*
Alexander Graham Bell
- *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* Helen Keller
- *The secret is to gang up on the problem, rather than each other.* Thomas Stallkamp

Partners in Collaboration

- OSDH Central Office OKC
- State/City Health Department
 - Rural areas-Rogers Co., Washington Co.
 - TCCHD
- ENT/Otology Partners
- Primary care physicians/pediatricians
- SoonerStart early intervention program

Public/Private Collaboration in Northeast Oklahoma

- Communication
- Partnership not ownership
- Outreach
- Remembering what is important



Teamwork-a cooperative effort by a group or team.



Collaboration vs. Teamwork

- *Teamwork and collaboration are cousins, but they're not twins.*

Sam Silverstein

- Teamwork: playbook, do what your coach tells you, crush your opponent.
- Collaboration: creative and flexible, evolves over time, contribute to big picture, do what needs to be done.

The Scholl Center Team



Community Champion Award, Tulsa Business Journal 12/10

TSC Role in Collaboration

- Scheduling
- Service provision
- Referrals to collaboration partners
- Documentation/Reporting of Results
- Case management
- Billing

OSDH/TCCHD



Health Department Role in Collaboration

- Audiology Taskforce and subcommittees
 - Blazing trails for establishing standards of care for Oklahoma audiologists.
- Equipment Agreement
 - Maximizing available resources.
- Direct referrals
 - Partnering for best possible outcomes.

ENT/Otology Partners



Role of the ENT Team

- Medical clearance
- Middle ear management
- CT/MRI
- Discuss importance of Genetics and refer
- Partners with audiologists in the medical management of hearing loss in infants and children
- Invaluable resource for parents and clinicians

Hospital Nursery Partners



Courtesy St. John Hospital
Tulsa, Oklahoma



Role of the Hospital Nursery

- First responders!
- Setting the stage
- Refer for follow-up and diagnostics
- Accurate reporting to the state for follow-up needs



Oklahoma EI-SoonerStart

Tulsa County Team Leaders



Role of Early Intervention

- Provide continued interaction with families.
- “In the trenches” with families between clinic appointments.
- Case management.
- Transition services.



Thinking Outside the Booth

- Going “out” to provide services.
- Doing the right things for the right reasons.



Children's Hearing Aid Project (CHAP)

- Started with an idea
- Collaboration with TSHA (Total Source for Healing Loss and Access), a Member United Way agency
- TSHA provided the non-profit status and staff to house CHAP
- First place recipient of the United Way Venture Grant allowing important seed money to start the program.

CHAP Funding

- Private donors
- Private foundations with matching grants
- February 24, 2011 first fundraiser benefiting CHAP, “Tulsa Hears a Who”. The event will expose the impact of hearing loss to a broad base of Oklahomans.

Children's Hearing Aid Project



**Tulsa Hears
a Who!**

benefitting the
CHILDREN'S HEARING AID PROJECT

Event | Thursday, February 24th
6:30 to 11:30 PM

The Ivey Lounge
3340 S. Peoria Ave.

COCKTAIL RECEPTION, LIVE AUCTION
& DINNER PROVIDED BY WOLFGANG PUCK BISTRO

from 9 o'clock on it will be very fun with
Dancing and Merriment for Everyone!

The STARS BAND will play from 9:00pm to Midnight
cocktail attire with a **Seussical Twist!**

sponsored by:
 **MIDFIRST BANK**

\$75 per ticket. Call Lindley Welch at 743-3620
for Ticket or Table Information.

Childrens Hearing Aid Project is a 501c3

The Wisdom of Crowds-by James Surowiecki

- At it's most basic, *wisdom of crowds* means that two heads are better than one, and that still more heads will yield even better results.
- Large groups of people are smarter than an elite few, no matter how brilliant--- better at solving problems, fostering innovation, coming to wise decisions, even predicting the future.

Dreams and Wishes

- Addition of Social Worker to The Scholl Center Team
- Large hearing aid loaner bank
- Funding increases for state agencies, reinstatement of services
- More equipment, resources, staff & hours in a day!



Conclusion



The Scholl Center

- Our mission is to provide continued access to best practice services for families of infants and children with hearing loss.
- Empowered families make powerful choices for their children. Our job is to serve them, either inside or outside of our “booth”. That is our “Field of Dreams.”

Remember What is Important



Questions/Comments

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