

Georgia's Early Hearing Orientation Visit

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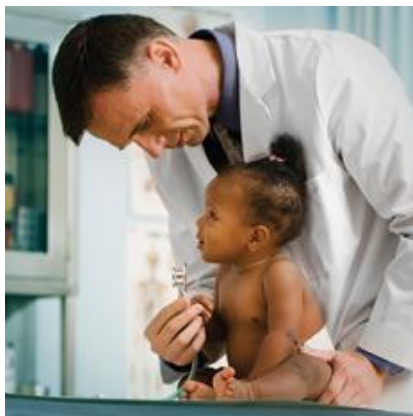
DCH Mission

ACCESS



Access
to affordable,
quality health
care in our
communities

RESPONSIBLE



Responsible
health planning
and use of
health care
resources

HEALTHY



Healthy
behaviors and
improved
health
outcomes

DCH Initiatives FY 2011

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**Continuity of Operations
Preparedness**

Customer Service

Emergency Preparedness

Financial & Program Integrity

Health Care Consumerism

Health Improvement

Health Care Transformation

Public Health

Workforce Development

Georgia's EHDI Program

- 18 Public Health Districts
 - 19 full-time Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention (UNHSI) Coordinators
 - Follow up of infants referred through Children 1st
 - Ensure timelines meet national EHDI goals of 1, 3, 6
 - Data entry into web-based tracking and surveillance system
 - State Electronic Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (SendSS-NB)
 - Allows for increased surveillance and participation of both UNHSI Coordinators and participating providers

Referral Process

- Initial referral sent to Children 1st
 - Contact with parent and physician within 2 weeks by UNHSI Coordinator in family's Health District
- UNHSI Coordinator ensures follow up testing, diagnostic evaluation and referral/enrollment in intervention occur as needed
 - Maintain contact with parent and full involvement of PCP

Referral for Early Hearing Orientation Visit

- Diagnosed hearing loss
 - Chronic and/or permanent conductive hearing loss, Sensorineural hearing loss, unilateral or bilateral, mild to profound
- Acceptance of visit does not confirm enrollment in Early Intervention (EI) services
 - UNHSI Coordinator continues to monitor family to ensure appropriate EI services are offered
 - Work closely with Part C and can perform a joint visit