Surveying Pennsylvania’s Families of Young Children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Results of the FY 2016-17 Family Satisfaction Survey & Record Review
FY 2016-17 EHDI & EI Family Survey Results

Your chance to think how to use this information in your Early Intervention Program.

Lessons learned
Methodology

• Infants and toddlers in the Early Intervention who had an active IFSP in FY 2016-17 and
  • Diagnosed with deafness or hearing loss
  • Diagnosed with deaf-blindness
  • IFSPs with Special Instruction-Hearing
  • Had a D/HoH release of information
Two Methods to Collect Data

PELICAN-EI
Survey Design

1. Experiences in Early Intervention
2. Satisfaction with the Quality of EI Services
3. Demographic Information
4. Comment Section
Survey Dissemination

- Cover letter and survey sent
- Two mailings
  - December 7, 2017
  - January 12, 2018
Survey Dissemination

- 665 surveys were mailed
  - 31 returned as undeliverable
- Total of 119 surveys were returned
- Return rate of 19%
Early Intervention Record Reviews

- Random sample of 10% for a total of 64 infants and toddlers
Consistency in PELICAN data ensures that we are reaching the right children and families.
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Moms turned in their surveys!

- Mother: 90%
- Father: 0%
- Grandmother: 20%
- Foster Parent: 40%
- Mother: 60%
- Father: 80%
- Grandmother: 100%

Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Pennsylvania Department of Health
Surveys were received from 83% of the EI IT Programs
Most children had a Sensorineural HL

- Sensorineural: 55%
- Conductive: 13%
- Mixed: 6%
- I don't know: 26%
Most children had a Profound HL

- Slight: 3%
- Mild: 15%
- Moderate: 21%
- Mod Severe: 19%
- Severe: 6%
- Profound: 30%
- I don’t know: 6%
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44% have additional disabilities
Be prepared for a child who

- Has a severe hearing loss
- Has additional disabilities
Top Findings from the Family Satisfaction Mailed Survey
55% of the infants are enrolled in Early Intervention before 6 months.
Most hearing services began before 6 months.
Hearing screening test for all babies no later than 1 month of age

Diagnostic evaluation by an audiologist no later than 3 months of age

Early intervention no later than 6 months of age
Learn more about EHDI and the goals for early identification of children with a hearing loss.

www.paearlyhearing.org
In EI, my child was assessed in all developmental areas to determine his/her progress.
Early Intervention Services

In EI, I was given access to at least one staff person who is qualified in the areas of deafness and hearing loss

99%
Early Intervention Services

In EI, does your child have a Communication Plan in addition to the IFSP/IEP?

30%
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Learn more about how to use the Early Intervention Communication Plan

www.eita-pa.org
Communication Plan Training

- Developing an Early Intervention Communication Plan and Achieving Effective Hearing Aid Use

  - June 25, 2018  PaTTAN East
  - June 26, 2018  PaTTAN Harrisburg
  - June 28, 2018  PaTTAN Pittsburgh

- Register at www.pattan.net
In EI, I received parent support information about Hands and Voices Guide By Your Side PA.
I am satisfied with the support provided by my Guide By Your Side Parent Guide.

91%
Parents are connecting.

88% In EI, I was given opportunities for contact with other parents of children with deafness or hearing loss.

45% In EI, I had access to professionals and/or other adults in a variety of different roles, who are themselves deaf or hard of hearing.
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Help parents connect to other parents
- GBYS
- P2P
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Guide By Your Side

Go to the families’ page at: www.paearlyhearing.org

Contact: Anne Gaspich
agaspich@pattan.net
Parents are receiving *Getting Started*.

92%

In EI, I received written materials to help me support my child, including the Office of Child Development and Early Learning booklet *Getting Started*.

83%

The information provided in the booklet *Getting Started* was reviewed with me by a service coordinator or other person.
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Find a copy of

**Getting Started: Resources for Parents and Families of Infants and Young Children with Hearing Loss**

[www.eita-pa.org](http://www.eita-pa.org)
I was informed that I could have an active role in the EI program in my area.

71%
Parents are given information about a variety of communication options.
In EI, I was given information about different ways my family and I could communicate with my child. These included using:
Listening and Spoken Language

Yes: 97%
No: 3%
American Sign Language

Yes: 85%
No: 15%
Total Communication

Yes 82%
No 18%
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Cued Speech

Yes 74%

No 26%
In EI, I was given information about a variety of hearing technologies.
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Hearing Aids

Yes 88%

No 12%
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FM System

Yes 67%
No 33%
Cochlear Implants

Yes 67%
No 33%
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Make sure that parents have unbiased information about:
• Communication options
• Hearing technologies
Parents are satisfied with the information they are receiving.

95% I am satisfied with my EI Service Coordinator's level of knowledge regarding hearing loss in infants and young children.

96% I am satisfied that in EI the information I received about a variety of different languages and communication options/methods was provided in an unbiased way.
98%

Overall, my child’s EI services made me feel better equipped to care for his/her needs.
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EI Record Review Results

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Most infants are using some type of amplification.

- Hearing Aids: 59%
- Cochlear Implants: 17%
- None: 23%
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Most families are choosing listening & spoken language as their child’s communication option.

- Listening & Spoken Language: 59%
- Total Communication: 35%
- ASL: 6%
- Cued Speech: 0%
Most children receive BOTH special instruction- hearing & SLP services
Like Infants, Preschoolers receive both SLP and Hearing Services

- Special Instruction Only: 8%
- Hearing Services Only: 8%
- SLP Only: 33%
- BOTH Hearing & SLP Services: 50%
How quickly are children with hearing loss are getting to the Early Intervention program?
63% of the newborns screened are enrolled in EI by 6 months.
Infants who are referred at their NBHS reach Early Intervention by 6 months.
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Continue outreach to local hospital Newborn Hearing Screening Programs & local audiologists
Survey Next Steps

1. Annual survey to go out in October/November 2018

2. What are your critical questions about children who have a hearing loss?
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Great Start in Early Intervention: Focus on Young Children with Sensory Impairments and TBI

August 1–3, 2018
Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
Registration Coming Soon at pattan.net
Online Courses About Children with a Hearing Loss

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