



# Colorado Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI)

## 4-Agency Overview

### Colorado Department of Human Services

#### CDHS

- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) EHDI Federal Grant recipient
- Comprehensive and coordinated EHDI system of care lead agency
- Responsible for the coordination of partners to ensure a comprehensive system of detection and referral to intervention exists
- Supports hospitals and others with practice-related visits through contracted EHDI audiologists
- EHDI Alliance

### Colorado Department of Early Childhood

#### CDEC

- Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Lead Agency in Colorado
- Early Intervention (EI) Colorado processes referrals for EI Evaluation and services
- Determines Part C eligibility
- Ensures all children diagnosed with bilateral hearing loss receive services
- Refers children with unilateral hearing loss to CHIP
- Contracts with EI service brokers to provide service coordination and direct services to eligible children, including those who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH)
- Ensure transition of children from Part C to Part B Special Education Services

### Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

#### CDPHE

- Responsible for the Health Information Data System (HIDS) newborn hearing application data system management, "tracks" newborn hearing screening via Electronic Birth Certificate and follow-up data entry
- Mails one follow-up letter to families whose infants are 30 days old and did not pass or missed first hearing screening and no follow-up data entry has occurred
- Collects fees from birthing facilities/midwives to fund NBH surveillance activities
- Facilitates Colorado Infant Hearing Advisory Committee (CIHAC) meetings per statutory requirements
- Contracts with CSDB to perform outreach to midwives and homebirth families to reduce lost-to-follow-up/lost to documentation rate for home births

### Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind

#### CSDB

- Supports the network of CO Home Intervention Program (CHIP) Coordinators
- Collaborates with EI Colorado for EI services
- Provides Deaf Adult to Family Services
- Supports the transition to preschool
- Offers Little Language Learners
- Partially funds assessments to measure language and developmental outcomes of children who are DHH
- Offers professional to parent events statewide
- Offers professional development and family education workshops