

## AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention ECHO Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### What are the goals/aims of the program?

- Every child receives appropriate and timely hearing screening, and when indicated, diagnostic evaluation following the EHDI guidelines.
- Every child who is found to be deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH) receives comprehensive and coordinated care within the medical home model that maximizes development, language, and medical outcomes.
- Pediatricians and health care teams caring for D/HH children within the medical home have access to up-to-date resources, guidelines, and strategies beginning from hearing screening and continuing through identification and intervention.

### What is ECHO?

- Project ECHO is a telementoring program designed to create communities of learners by bringing together health care providers and experts in topical areas using didactic and case-based presentations, fostering an “all learn, all teach” approach.
- ECHO participants engage in a virtual community with their peers where they share support, guidance, and feedback. As a result, the collective understanding of how to disseminate and implement best practices across diverse disciplines continuously improves and expands.
- To learn more about ECHO please visit: <https://www.aap.org/projectecho>.

### Who is eligible to register for this ECHO?

- Pediatricians, other pediatric clinicians, pediatric audiologists, AAP EHDI Chapter Champions, EHDI state/territory coordinators, early interventionists, educators/professors, Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) trainees and programs, families/caregivers of children who are deaf/hard of hearing (D/HH), and adults who are D/HH.

### What are the benefits of participating?

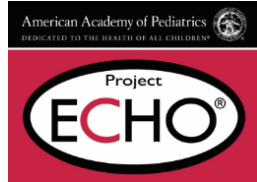
- Increase knowledge of best practices to improve the effectiveness of newborn hearing screening, diagnosis, and intervention.
- Learn how to utilize the medical home model and improve communication and coordination of care
- Network and problem solve with individuals across the country.
- Earn Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Maintenance of Certification Part 2 (MOC 2)!

### Where to register?

- The link to register can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDHIECHO>

### What are the requirements to participate?

- Costs - There are no costs associated with participating in this ECHO series. This is a free training and technical assistance opportunity for participating organizations.
- Attendance - We ask that participants, or at least one team member from each practice, commit to attending all 6 of the sessions within the ECHO series.
- Session Participation - Participants are asked to actively engage and participate in each session.



- Case Presentation - All participants are encouraged to submit a case to present describing their experiences, challenges, and opportunities related to early identification and appropriate referral for infants found to be D/HH.
- Surveys - Participants will be asked to complete brief evaluation surveys after each ECHO session as well as after the ECHO series ends that help identify opportunities for improvements.

### **What is the frequency of the ECHO sessions and when do they occur?**

- The ECHO sessions will occur once per month 2:00pm – 3:00pm CT/ 3:00pm – 4:00pm ET on the following dates:
  - Session 1: October 4, 2023
  - Session 2: November 1, 2023
  - Session 3: December 6, 2023
  - Session 4: January 9, 2024
  - Session 5: February 6, 2024
  - Session 6: March 5, 2024

**If you have further questions about this program or other ECHO programs at the AAP, please contact Robinn Yu at [ryu@aap.org](mailto:ryu@aap.org).**

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