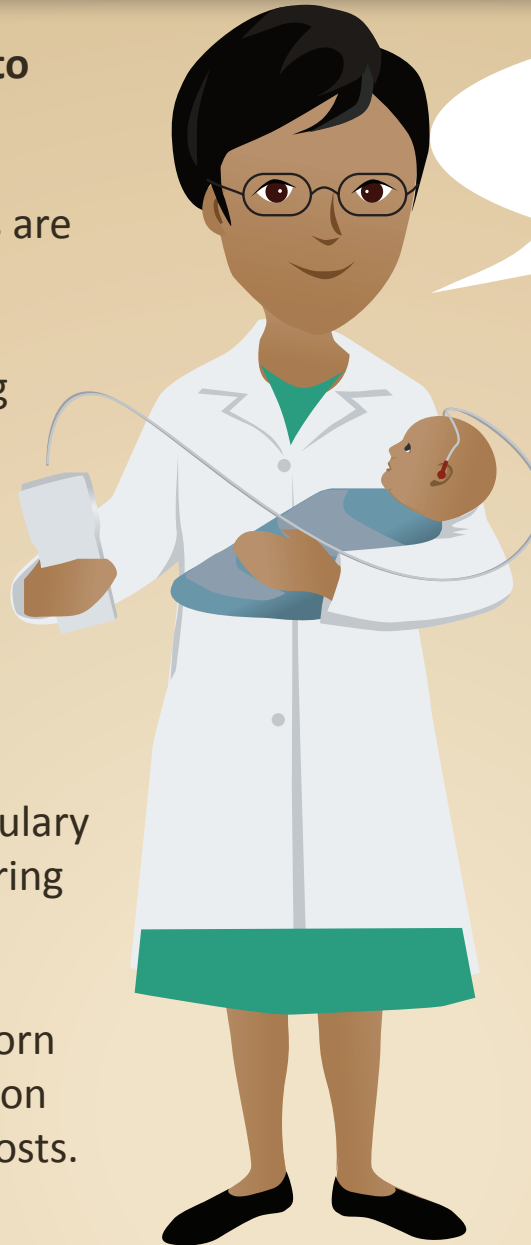


# The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program identifies children with hearing loss and helps them get the services they need to reach their full potential.

## CDC's commitment to EHDI has led to the following accomplishments:

- More than 98% of US-born infants are screened for hearing loss.
- The number of infants with hearing loss who are successfully identified early has risen from 2,700 in 2005 to more than 6,400 in 2014.
- CDC has shown that following national [recommendations](#) on hearing screening, diagnosis, and intervention leads to better vocabulary development in children with hearing loss.
- CDC has demonstrated that newborn hearing screening saves \$200 million annually in US special education costs.



CDC, NIH, and HRSA help state hearing service specialists and families in different ways.



**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** collects and analyzes all national EHDI data. CDC funds and assists states and territories with implementing their EHDI Information Systems.



**National Institute of Health (NIH)** uses CDC's EHDI data in its research on newborn hearing screening effectiveness, hearing aids, speech.



**Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** uses CDC's EHDI data to improve its programs for family support and provider training.

The National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities is committed to helping children with hearing loss. For more information, please visit our website: [www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss](http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss).