



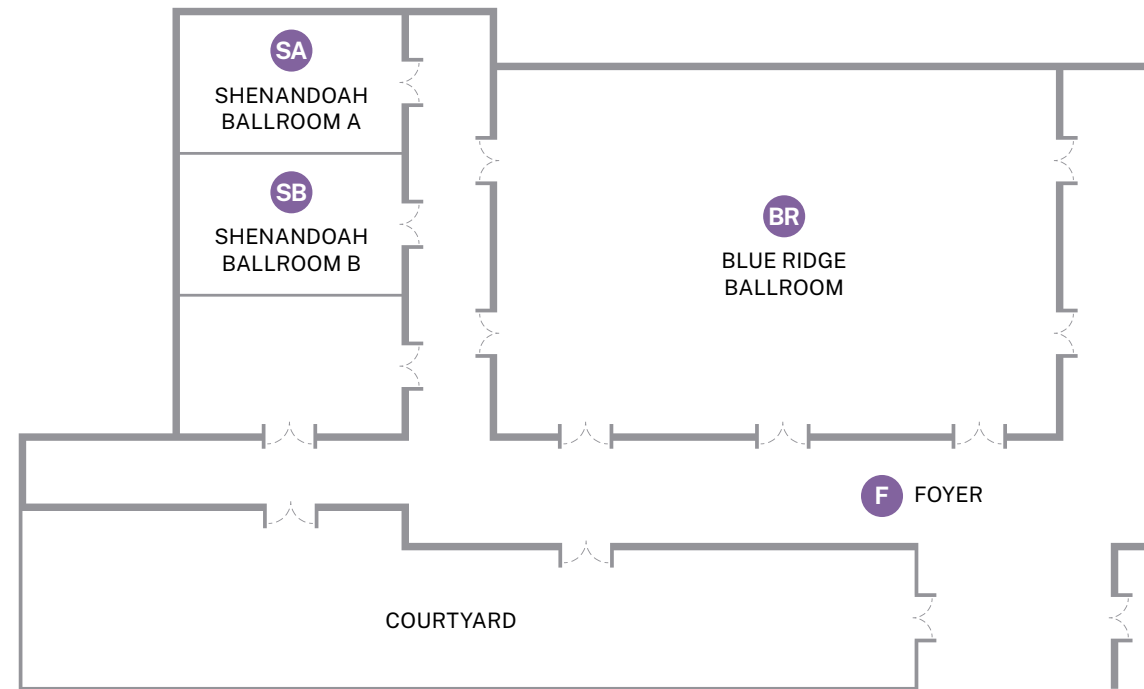
2024 Virginia EHDI Conference

May 15-18, 2024



Agenda

CONFERENCE MAP



MAY 15 WEDNESDAY

PRECONFERENCE

- 12:00PM Registration Open F
5:00PM
- 1:00PM Advisory Committee Meeting SA SB
3:00PM
- 3:30PM Virginia Stakeholder Meeting SB
4:30PM
- 3:30PM CMV Longitudinal Surveillance Workgroup Meeting SA
5:00PM

END OF DAY

MAY 16 THURSDAY

DAY 1

- 7:00AM Exhibitor Setup F
8:00AM
- 8:00AM **BREAKFAST** / Registration Open / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery F
9:00AM
- 9:00AM Opening Remarks BR
9:05AM speaker: **Daphne Miller Stewart**
VA EHDI Coordinator
- 9:05AM Welcome Address BR
9:20AM speaker: **Vanessa Walker Harris, MD**
Director, Office of Family Health Services, Virginia Department of Health
- 9:20AM Keynote Presentation: Positive Exposure BR
10:20AM speaker: **Rick Guidotti**
Founder and Director, Positive Exposure

This presentation will discuss creating spaces rooted in unity, respect, and inclusion through photography, film, educational programs, and advocacy.
- 10:20AM Coffee Break / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery F
10:30AM
- 10:30AM Overview of VA EHDI Systems of Care: Data Driven Discussion BR
10:50PM moderator: **Mona Iskander, MD**
Pediatrician, Kaiser Permanente and AAP Chapter Champion

This presentation will provide an overview of VA EHDI Systems of Care from the lens of the VA AAP Chapter Champion and Pediatrician.
- 10:50AM **Data Driven Small Group Discussions** SA
12:00PM
 - Group 1: Newborn Screening** SA
moderators: **Christen Crews, MSN, RN** **Parker Parks, MPH**
NBS Programs Manager, VDH NBS Epidemiologist, VDH
 - Group 2: CMV & Hearing Loss Diagnosis** BR
moderators: **Deepali Sanghani, MPH** **Leigh Emma Lion, MS**
CMV Coordinator, VDH Newborn Screening Lab Manager, DCLS
 - Group 3: Quality Improvement Assessment of EHDI f/u Systems of Care** SB
moderators: **Durga Mahapatra, MPH** **Lisa Eickel**
VA EHDI Grants Specialist, VDH Parent

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MAY 16 THURSDAY

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12:00PM LUNCH
1:00PM

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1:00PM First Breakout Session
1:50PM

Breakout 1: Risk Factors for Late Onset Hearing Loss

speaker: **Karen Woolman, AuD**
Pediatric Audiologist, Children's National Medical Center

SA

This presentation reviews the risk factors and monitoring guidelines for late onset hearing loss using the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing list. The signs that a baby or infant may have a late onset hearing loss will be discussed as well as the implications of late onset hearing loss. Attendees will be able to list some of the risk factors for late onset hearing loss, recognize signs of late onset hearing loss, and know the implications of late onset hearing loss.

Breakout 2: Words Matter: The Impact of The Words We Choose

speakers: **Emily Wojahn Small, MA** **Nicole Hutchinson MA, CED**
PhD student, Gallaudet University PhD student, Gallaudet University

BR

This presentation will discuss the terminology used when children are identified as deaf or hard of hearing and the impact on the family's understanding by outlining current findings around the manner that families learn about their child's identification as deaf or hard of hearing. Attendees will engage in a conversation about the words used in conversation and in print and will have the opportunity to think about their use of words related to being deaf and the impact word choices might have on parents' perspectives on their child's abilities.

Breakout 3: Virginia's Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program

speaker: **Victoria Goyne, BSN, RN**
Short Term Follow-up Senior/Nurse Educator, VDH

SB

This presentation will provide an overview of Virginia's Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program, what tests and procedures are performed, parent and provider action needs after follow-up, and who to contact for questions on the program.

1:50PM Exhibitors / Poster Gallery
2:00PM

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2:00PM Second Breakout Session
2:50PM

Breakout 1: Language is the Key! Tracking Your Child's Language Development

speakers: **Robin Bliven**
Director of Outreach, VSDB
Tracey Yurechko
Project Director, Technical Assistance Center
for Children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, VCU

SA

This presentation will discuss the impacts of hearing loss on language development and academic performance, as well as the progress monitoring tools that can be used at home or school to support language development continually.

Breakout 2: Bimodal-Bilingual Videobooks

Shared Reading Activities for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and (Hearing) Adults
speaker: **Donna Jo Napoli, PhD**
Professor of Linguistics and Social Justice, Swarthmore College

BR

This presentation will discuss essential elements for acquisition of child literacy and introduce bimodal-bilingual videobooks as a tool to encourage shared reading activities between children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and (hearing) adults. Research will be shown on the effectiveness of shared reading activities.

Breakout 3: Supporting Families through Care Connection for Children

speaker: **Marcus Allen, MPH**
Program Director, CYSHCN, VDH

SB

This presentation will provide an overview of the Care Connection for Children program, a statewide network of centers of excellence for children and youth with special health needs. Specialty medical services, care coordination, medical insurance benefits evaluation and coordination, information and referrals to CYSHCN resources, and the Child Development Clinic program will be discussed.

2:50PM Refreshment Break / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery
3:00PM

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MAY 16 THURSDAY CONTINUED

3:00PM Third Breakout Session
3:50PM

Breakout 1: Virginia's Deaf Mentor Project SA

speakers: **Eric Raff**
Director, VDDHH
Melissa Forkner
Deaf Mentor Coordinator, VDDHH

This presentation will provide an overview of the VDDHH's Deaf Mentor Project, a comprehensive program designed to support families with deaf and hard of hearing children. Deaf Mentors, curriculum, resources, and connections to promote understanding, communication, and inclusivity within the Deaf community will be discussed.

Breakout 2: Virginia's cCMV Testing Updates SB

speaker: **Leigh Emma Lion, MS**
Newborn Screening Lab Manager, DCLS

This presentation will provide an understanding of Virginia's cCMV screening program, an overview of cCMV testing procedures, and review new updates to cCMV testing. A comparison of testing methods and evaluation of the data will be presented.

Breakout 3: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion when Working with Families BR

speaker: **Rashaun Davis, PhD**
Lead Consultant, R. Charles Davis Consulting

This presentation will discuss the ways in which diversity, equity, and inclusion are important considerations when working with families, specifically for families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, and how to approach these topics.

3:50PM Exhibitors / Posters F
4:00PM

4:00PM EHDI Meet and Greet / Parent Meet and Greet TBA
5:00PM

END OF DAY

MAY 17 FRIDAY DAY 2

7:30AM BREAKFAST / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery F
8:30AM

8:30AM Opening Remarks BR

8:45AM speaker: **Dana Yarbrough**
Director, Center for Family Involvement, VCU

8:45AM EHDI Systems Mapping BR

9:45AM speaker: **Akilah Heggs, AuD**
Public Health Analyst, Maternal Child Health Bureau,
Health Resources and Services Administration

This presentation will provide guidance from our federal partners at HRSA and provide an introduction into conducting system mapping.

9:45AM CMV Infection During Pregnancy BR

10:15AM *Will the Baby Get Congenital CMV Infection? Infectious Disease Considerations for Mother and Baby*
speaker: **Dr. Rebecca Levorson, MD**
Pediatric Infectious Disease

This presentation will provide an in-depth overview of congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV), the transmission and infection process of CMV during pregnancy, screening methods, and treatment methods. The implications of long-term risks and management for children with CMV and monitoring by pediatricians and other health specialists will be discussed.

10:15AM Fatherhood 101 BR

10:45AM speaker: **Rashaun Davis, PhD**
Lead Consultant and Professor, R. Charles Davis Consulting

10:45AM Refreshment Break / Exhibitors / Poster Gallery F

11:00AM

11:00AM Parent Lived Experiences BR

12:00PM facilitator: **Rashaun Davis, PhD**
Lead Consultant and Professor, R. Charles Davis Consulting
panelists: **Megan Becker, EdD** **Whitney Breeding**
Panel Parent Representative Panel Parent Representative

This panel presentation will allow an open discussion with parents of children who are deaf/hard of hearing (DHH) or have Congenital Cytomegalovirus (cCMV) regarding their experiences and personal stories.

12:00PM LUNCH F

1:00PM

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MAY 17 FRIDAY

DAY 2

1:00PM First Breakout Session 1:50PM

Breakout 1: The Virginia Communication Plan SA

speaker: **Robin Bliven**

Director of Outreach, VSDB

Tracey Yurechko

Project Director, Technical Assistance Center for Children
who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, VCU

This presentation will review the Virginia Communication Plan tool and its use in the educational planning process for a child who is deaf or hard of hearing. The importance of language and vocabulary assessment and how to apply knowledge of a child and their family's language and communication choices to the communication plan will also be discussed.

Breakout 2: cCMV Clinical Scenarios in Pregnancy and in Babies—*You Be the Doctor!* BR

speaker: **Rebecca Levorson, MD**

Pediatric Infectious Disease

This presentation will be an interactive review of case scenarios for consideration on whether CMV is present. The presenter will share possible options, for management and review of these cases. With audience participation of selection of management options the presenter will discuss different outcomes based on selections.

Breakout 3: Any Age and Any Stage: Understanding Postnatal Hearing Loss SB

speakers: **Valerie James Abbott**

Parent Advocate with Padapillo PBLLC and

EI Service Coordinator, with ITC Henrico

Alison King, PhD

Asst. Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Longwood University

This presentation will deliver knowledge on postnatal hearing loss, identify reasons risk factors and signs of unidentified hearing loss are often overlooked, and review the impacts of hearing loss on early language and literacy skills and development. Additionally, new ways to promote ongoing hearing health monitoring of children during early childhood will be explored.

1:50PM Exhibitors / Posters 2:00PM

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MAY 17 FRIDAY

DAY 2

2:00PM Second Breakout Session 2:50PM

Breakout 1: Using the CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." SA

Resources to support family engagement for early engagement of hearing loss in deaf and hard of hearing infants and young children in Virginia.

speaker: **Deana Buck**

Act Early Ambassador, VCU

This presentation will review the CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early" resources for use in meeting the 1-3-6 EHDI benchmarks for early identification of hearing loss in infants and children. Materials will be provided and reviewed and there will be a discussion on identifying local partners that might benefit from integrating these resources so that children and families receive the necessary support as early as possible.

Breakout 2: Collaborative Alliances BR

Strengthen Connections Among Educational Entities

speaker: **Jerri Seremeth**

Family Language Connector Program Coordinator, Gallaudet University

This presentation will discuss the ways in which the Family Language Connector Program at Gallaudet University foster collaborative alliances, bridge gaps between educational entities and FLCP, and nurture these connections among educational institutions, early intervention providers, and early childhood teachers.

Breakout 3: The Power of Parents: The Importance of Family Support SB

speakers: **Teri Urban**

Chair, Virginia Hands & Voices

Alicia Rodriguez

Parent and Board Member, Virginia Hands & Voices

Karen Woolman, AuD

Pediatric Audiologist, Children's National Medical Center

This presentation will discuss the power of parent-to-parent support, Family Mentoring services and referrals to Hands & Voices, and emphasize the importance of families and professionals collaborating to determine the best outcomes for their deaf/hard of hearing child. Parent board members and a pediatric audiologist will deliver this presentation to highlight the impacts of this organization on family support and connection.

END OF DAY

FAMILY FUN DAY!

at Maymont

Join us for a fun-filled family day at Maymont Park with families of children with hearing loss and cCMV! Families will have the opportunity to meet and interact with each other, as well as engage with professionals.

- Family-friendly activities
- Nature Center tickets
- Lunch
- FREE parking

Saturday, May 18, 2024 10am–1pm

Maymont Park, 1700 Hampton St,
Richmond, VA 23220



Prior registration is required.

Please contact us at va_ehdi@vdh.virginia.gov for questions.

This event is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Health, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program and the Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for Family Involvement.

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