



EHDI E-MAIL EXPRESS

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EHDI E-MAIL EXPRESS NEEDS CHAMPION INVOLVEMENT

The EHDI E-mail Express is a great place to highlight the successes of your chapter. This publication provides quick and useful information on a monthly basis so you don't have to spend a lot of time writing a long article. Something short and sweet to showcase what is going on in your state and what you are doing as a Champion is perfect! Please send your submission to Faiza Khan, fkhan@aap.org today!

2011 AAP NATIONAL CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

EHDI Chapter Champions please consider submitting an EHDI proposal for the 2011 AAP National Conference & Exhibition (NCE) in Boston, MA October 15-18, 2011. *ALL proposals must be submitted electronically through PediaLink; paper submissions will NOT be accepted.* The 2011 NCE proposal submission process site opened on Monday, February 15th and **closes on Friday, April 9th, 2010.** To access PediaLink go to: www.pedialink.org and you will find the submission process listed under the CME heading, and under "Event Session Proposal". Please feel free to reach out to Faiza Khan, fkhan@aap.org with any questions, to get help with ideas, or for assistance with submitting online.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Diagnostics and Amplification for Infants and Toddlers: March 24—27, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- American Academy of Audiology Convention: April 14—17, San Diego, CA
- AG Bell Biennial Convention: June 25—28, Orlando, FL

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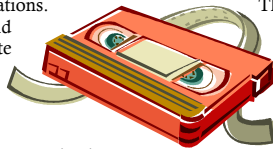
SPOTLIGHT

- ◆ Champion Involvement
- ◆ 2011 AAP NCE Proposals
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ New JCIH/HHS-OCR Videos
- ◆ 'Lazy Ear' Study
- ◆ Antonia Brancia Maxon Award
- ◆ Quote of the Month

NEW JOINT COMMISSION/HHS-OCR VIDEO ON DELIVERING EFFECTIVE CARE TO LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT AND HEARING IMPAIRED PEOPLE

Improving provider communication is critical to delivering effective care for individuals with limited language proficiency and those who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Joint Commission in collaboration with the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Civil Rights recently released a video demonstrating the importance of providing culturally competent health care to meet the needs of diverse populations.

people speak a language other than English and hearing loss, according to the National Institute of Disorders. Health care organizations and interpreters, translated materials and in with possible hearing loss needs.



The US Census Bureau notes that 47 million more than 28 million people have some form of on Deafness and Other Communication providers face challenges in the use of caring for an increasingly aging population

The video identifies effective and alternative communication relevant civil rights legislation, federal and accreditation standards pertaining to language access, in addition to the rights of patients. Central to the concept of cultural competency is, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that recognizes equality of health care and services and mandates that all persons regardless of race, color or national origin will not be discriminated against. Failure to provide language access services to Limited English Proficient persons (LEP) for federally funded programs is a form of discrimination. Likewise, similar standards apply under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which protects the rights of individuals with disabilities. The video can be found at the following [website](#).

strategies and highlights the importance of

STUDY FINDS TEMPORARY HEARING DEPRIVATION CAN LEAD TO 'LAZY EAR'

Scientists have gained new insight into why a relatively short-term hearing deprivation during childhood may lead to persistent hearing deficits, long after hearing is restored to normal. The research, published by Cell Press in the March 11 issue of the journal *Neuron*, finds that, much like the visual cortex, development of the auditory cortex is quite vulnerable if it does not receive appropriate stimulation at just the right time. They observed that the temporary hearing loss in one ear distorted auditory patterning in the brain, weakened the deprived ear's representation and strengthened the open ear's representation. Click [here](#) to read more.

RECOGNIZING ONE OF OUR OWN

AAP Task Force Chairperson, Albert Mehl, M.D. is one of this year's proud recipients of the Antonia Brancia Maxon Award at the 2010 EHDI Conference. Dr. Mehl has been a pioneer in newborn hearing screening since 1992. He played a crucial role in the passing of our newborn hearing legislation in 1997. Representing the physician's role and the importance of early identification helped convince legislators that newborn hearing screening was the right thing to do for all children. As a result of the legislation a formal advisory committee was developed, for which he was selected as the Chairperson. Twelve years later he continues to lead the advisory providing insight, support and practical wisdom to the ever changing guidelines. He serves as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) representative on the Joint Commission on Infant Hearing (JCIH) and has written several articles that have been published in the AAP Journal and quoted frequently. As a primary care physician, Dr. Mehl has been instrumental in supporting the medical home as a team approach with the audiologist, Hands & Voice parent guide, and early interventionist working together for the benefit of the child and the family. All of this while still maintaining a full time pediatric practice with Kaiser Permanente. Without Dr. Albert Mehl newborn hearing screening would not have happened in Colorado for another decade!

Congratulations Dr. Mehl! We are lucky to have you on our team!

MARCH QUOTE...

Everyone one of us is different in some way, but for those of us who are more different, we have to put more effort into convincing the less different that we can do the same thing they can, just differently. —Marlee Matlin (Deaf Hollywood Actress)