About the TEHDI Program

Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (TEHDI) Program

Established in 1999, the TEHDI Program aims to provide early hearing detection and intervention as early as possible to infants to prevent delays in their communication skills and cognitive development and help them reach their maximum potential. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is the oversight agency.

THE PROGRAM:

• Tracks infants throughout the screening, diagnosis, and intervention process using a web-based management information system (TEHDI MIS).
• Provides technical assistance to all TEHDI stakeholders and users.
• Aims to reduce the rate of children lost to follow up and lost to documentation.

Cover photo: Zade began wearing hearing aids before he was 3 months old due to early diagnosis. Your participation in the TEHDI online system can assist many more children.

How Can I Use the TEHDI MIS?

For information on obtaining a user name, password, and system training, contact Oz Systems at (866) 427-5768 ext. 2446. (Use relay option of your choice, if needed.)

Optional IT Tool for Birthing Facilities: Newborn Admission and Notification Information (NANI)

NANI enables a newborn’s demographic information to go directly from the hospital’s admission system into the TEHDI MIS.
• Helps with screening efficiency - less time entering data, more time caring for babies.
• Reduces human errors by eliminating manual entry and improving quality data.
• Enables systems interoperability, which is the exchange of data between programs and organizations.

Newborn Hearing Screening:
Managing, Tracking, and Reporting Data in the TEHDI Management Information System (MIS)

Maximize a Child’s Success—Use TEHDI MIS!
TEHDI MIS is the key to success in the continuum of care

Using TEHDI MIS* not only helps children who are deaf or hard of hearing, it can help your daily work. The chart to the right demonstrates how TEHDI MIS supports various health care professionals across the continuum of care, including newborn hearing screeners, medical home/audiology personnel, and early intervention providers.

The earlier babies are identified as deaf or hard of hearing and receive services, the less likely they are to fall behind in communication skills and cognitive development.

*The Texas Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Management Information System (TEHDI MIS) supports care coordination efforts by providing a central repository of outcome information from a child’s team of providers.