




Canadian Infant Hearing Task Force

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2019 Report Card on Canadian Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programs

This report card has been developed by the Canadian Infant Hearing Task Force (CIHTF), a collaboration between Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) and the Canadian Academy of Audiology (CAA).

<p>PROVINCE</p>	<p>Newfoundland and Labrador </p>
<p>EHDI GRADE</p>	<p>INSUFFICIENT</p>
<p>DESCRIPTORS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening coverage unknown • Some EHDI components but not province-wide • Clinical protocols exist but implementation is not monitored • No database to track infants or outcomes
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a coordinated and comprehensive EHDI program province-wide that is supported by a data management system • Increase attention on program quality improvement and sustainability

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs aim to proactively address infant hearing health and include the following components: **1) universal hearing screening of all newborns; 2) identification of babies with permanent hearing loss; 3) intervention services which include support for technology and communication development; 4) family support; and 5) monitoring and evaluation of the program.**

Grades were assigned based on all five of the components being available province or territory-wide.

CANADA'S GRADE: INSUFFICIENT