

EHDI *Express*



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Member Spotlights

Special Achievement Award

Congratulations to Dr. Julia Hecht, New Mexico Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Chapter Champion, for excellence in leadership and guidance to the New Mexico Pediatric Society and the Public Health Division. Special Achievement Awards recognize outstanding AAP work of individuals or chapter achievements. After reviewing the chapter annual reports, the District Vice Chairpersons (DVC) Committee identifies successful chapter projects based on the chapter's work in the areas of membership, advocacy, quality improvement and education. Chapters are asked to identify a maximum of 3 individual member achievements that they believe are innovative and worthy of consideration for a Special Achievement Award.

Published Maternal and Child Health Journal Articles

The recently published articles listed below were featured in the [November 2020 edition of the *Maternal and Child Health Journal*](#). Dr. Julia Hecht and Dr. Wyatt Hall, members of the AAP Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program subcommittee, served as guest editors for this [special issue on *Health of the Deaf Child in an International Context*](#). Abstracts for the articles are linked below.

- [Responsibility in the Current Epidemic of Language Deprivation \(1990-Present\)](#)
- [How Bilingualism Contributes to Healthy Development in Deaf Children: A Public Health Perspective](#)

Resource Highlight

Infographic: COVID-19 is Impacting Pediatric Hearing Health

As the COVID-19 pandemic has progressed, members of the Maine EHDI Learning Community, including audiologists and early intervention providers, received concerns from multiple EHDI stakeholders regarding disruptions to pediatric hearing healthcare, such as: missing or questionable newborn hearing screening results, delayed diagnosis, and interruptions of audiological management. The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management, with sponsorship from the AAP EHDI program, developed an [infographic](#) for pediatricians and family practice providers to address challenges with newborn hearing screening due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Tools and resources to address screening challenges are highlighted.

Medical Home Latest and Greatest

Educational Webinar Series

The [National Resource Center for Patient/Family-Centered Medical Home](#), in partnership with [Bright Futures National Center](#) and the [Screening Technical Assistance and Resource \(STAR\) Center](#), implemented an educational webinar series titled *Making Connections: The Critical Role of Family-Centered Care in Addressing Social Determinants of Health for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)*. The goal of this [2-part webinar series](#) was to provide state Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) / CYSHCN programs, pediatricians, families, and others with information about the impact of social determinants of health (SDoH) on CYSHCN and their families as well as implementation strategies

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for state programs. The [series](#) discussed the role of these groups and state systems in addressing SDoH for CYSHCN by using components of the medical home model. The [first webinar](#) in this series provided relevant background information about how CYSHCN are impacted by SDoH, including a review of current data. The [second webinar](#) featured two state Title V MCH / CYSHCN programs that discussed how their states are addressing SDoH for CYSHCN.

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The AAP EHDl program implementation staff members send this e-newsletter to the Academy's EHDl Chapter Champions, other interested AAP members, state EHDl coordinators, and other stakeholders. For additional information on hearing screening, or to access tools and resources relevant to early hearing detection and intervention, click [here](#). If you would like to unsubscribe to this newsletter, contact [AAP EHDl Program Staff](#).