

**3701-40-10 Ohio department of health training and materials.**

- (A) The director shall provide educational programs for personnel conducting and documenting newborn hearing screenings including hearing screening coordinators, screeners, supervising audiologists, supervising physicians, data entry personnel, local boards of health, and any other persons identified as responsible for conducting, documenting, and reporting newborn hearing screening information and diagnostic evaluations.
- (B) Educational programs may be provided as computer based learning, self study modules, teleconferences on selected topics, or classroom experiential training at the discretion of the director.
- (C) The director shall provide training for personnel including the following:
  - (1) The significance of universal newborn hearing screening, risk factors for hearing loss, and the importance of diagnostic follow-up and early intervention for infants with a permanent hearing loss,
  - (2) Conveying culturally appropriate messages to families about the importance of screening, follow-up for non-pass screening results, early intervention for hearing loss, and developmental milestones for speech and language acquisition,
  - (3) Documenting and completing paper and electronic records, including quality assurance activities, and
  - (4) Requirements for reporting hearing screenings, diagnostic evaluation results, and board of health registrations.
- (D) The director shall make written materials available to hospitals, birth facilities, and local boards of health as follows:
  - (1) Culturally appropriate information for parents and caregivers of infants on the importance of hearing screening, hearing evaluation, early intervention, and speech and language acquisition milestones, and
  - (2) A listing of pediatric audiology facilities and healthcare facilities where hearing screenings and diagnostic hearing evaluations are conducted.

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