# Tracking Early Intervention Outcomes at the Program, State, & National Levels

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## **Today's Topics**

- Overview of a new CDC-supported national outcomes surveillance project (ODDACE)\*
  - Project purpose and goals
  - Eligible participants
  - Assessments
  - Potential obstacles
  - Benefits of participation

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# Outcomes and Developmental Data Assistance Center for EHDI (ODDACE)

### Background

- Long interested in understanding language & developmental outcomes of children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
  - Does the capacity exist to systematically collect this data?
- Previous CDC-funded Projects

## Outcomes and Developmental Data Assistance Center for EHDI (ODDACE) Programs

- Notice of Funding Opportunity released in Spring, 2020
  - NCBDDD Outcomes and Developmental Data Assistance Center for EHDI (ODDACE) Programs, CDC-RFA-DD20-2005
  - Four Focus Areas
    - Strengthen capacity
    - Assess relationship of intervention and outcomes
    - Promote best practices
    - Assist in implementation

# Outcomes and Developmental Data Assistance Center for EHDI (ODDACE) Programs

### **ODDACE Logic Model**

#### STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES

#### Surveillance

Identification, standardization and collection of intervention and outcome data

#### Collaboration

Engaging and aligning partners

#### **Capacity Development**

<u>Building the capacity</u> to gather standardized intervention and outcome data

#### **Data Analysis**

Analyzing intervention and outcome data across states to assess provision of-services and outcomes

#### Translate and Disseminate Information

Using data to inform decisions and practices

#### Notes

- •D/HH: Deaf or hard of hearing
- •Bold indicates outcomes that the awardees are accountable for during the project period.

#### LONG TERM OUTCOMES

- Strategic partners have accurate and standardized surveillance data on the outcomes of children who are D/HH
- Increased understanding of factors impacting the outcomes of children who are D/HH at the state and national level
- Strategic partners use surveillance data to inform evidence-based intervention policies and practices that meet the needs of children who are D/HH
- Implementation of evidencebased intervention strategies to help reduce morbidity during early childhood



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- Determine program, child, and family characteristics related to successful outcomes

## Eligible Program Participants

- All early intervention programs that serve children who are deaf/hard of hearing
- Individual interventionists
  - If not connected to a program or program as a whole is not participating
- Individual families
  - If program/interventionist is not participating

## Eligible Child Participants

- Ages 1 month to 3 years
  - Optional extension to age 6 years
- Unilateral or bilateral loss
- Any degree from mild to profound
- Additional disabilities or hearing loss only
- English, Spanish or ASL as language of the home

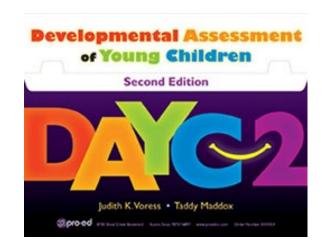
### **Procedures**

- Developmental assessments are completed by the parent and/or interventionist
- Assessment protocols are sent to the ODDACE team at the University of Colorado-Boulder
- Database of outcomes/test results is created and populated by the ODDACE team for each participating program

### **Required Assessments**

### **DAYC-2: Domains Assessed**

- Cognitive
- Communication
  - Expressive language
  - Language comprehension
- Social Emotional
- Physical
  - Gross motor
  - Fine motor
- Adaptive Behavior



# Developmental Assessment of Young Children: DAYC-2

- 1 month to 5 years
- Assesses multiple developmental domains
- Interview and observation
- ODDACE has included ASL alternatives for spoken English items



# MacArthur-Bates Communicative Development Inventories

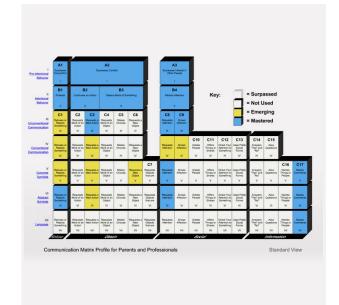
- 8 months to 3 years of age
- Completed by parent
- Words and Gestures
- Words and Sentences
- Level 3
- All levels measure expressive vocabulary
- English, Spanish and ASL versions



### **Optional Assessments**

### **Communication Matrix**

- Any age
- Interview and observation
- For children with global delays who are non-verbal
- Primarily focuses on presymbolic communication (e.g., gestures, eye gaze, facial expression, etc.)



# Cincinnati Auditory Skills Checklist (ASC)

- Any age
- Interview and observation
- Measures skills in an auditory only condition
  - Without gestures, sign or speechreading



# SKI-HI Language Development Scale (LDS)

- 1 month to 5 years of age
- Measures receptive and expressive language
- Designed for children who are deaf or hard of hearing



# Language Environment Analysis (LENA)

- 2 months to 4 years of age
- Records full day of spoken language
- Measures both child output and parent input to child
- Compares to norms for child's age
- Free from ODDACE to pilot for a year

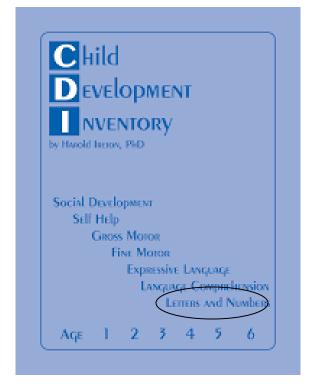


### **Pragmatics Checklist**

- 3- to 6-year-old assessment
- Interview and observation
- Checklist of 45 pragmatic skills

# Child Development Inventory: Letters and Numbers

- 3 to 6-year-old assessment
- Early literacy and numeracy skills
- Completed by parent



# **Expressive One Word Picture Vocabulary Test (EOWPVT)**

- 3- to 6-year-old assessment
- Administered by interventionist
- Child names pictures



# Clinical Evaluation of Language Fundamentals (CELF) Preschool-3

- 3 to 6-year-old assessment
- Administered by interventionist
- 10 language subtests
- Can administer a reduced set of subtests



## Services Provided by ODDACE

- Assessments scored
- Written report of results provided
- Graphic summary of developmental scores
- Comparison of scores to hearing norms
- Annual accountability report characterizing state's performance and comparing this to the national averages

# Overcoming Potential Obstacles

- Assessment can reduce time for intervention
  - Assessment is an integral part of intervention
  - Familiarizes family with developmental seq
  - Improves family's observation skills
- Other assessments are required by my program/state
  - Database can be created with assessments you need/want to use

# **Benefits for Children and Families**

- Includes parent input in assessment process
- Measures skills across variety of areas
- Identifies potential delays in a timely fashion
- Objectively monitors progress over time
- Compares performance to hearing children
- Enhances families' ability to observe and describe their child's skills

### **Benefits for Interventionists**

- Determines eligibility; help justify services
- Monitors progress of child
- Alerts interventionist to need for referral
- Provides data for Part C to Part B transition
- Assists in IFSP/IEP goal development
- Provides data-driven approach to educational programming decisions

### **Benefits to All**

- Contribution to national surveillance
  - Improve our understanding of language strengths and challenges of children with hearing loss
  - Help identify factors that are predictive of more successful language outcomes
  - Serve as a resource for EHDI stakeholders

## **How to Participate**

- If you are interested in participating and/or learning more, contact:
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 Visit our website by Googling "ODDACE University of Colorado Boulder"\*

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# The ODDACE team would love to collaborate with your state/program! Allison.Sedey@colorado.edu















