



PARENT STIPEND and REIMBURSEMENT OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE 2016 NATIONAL EHDI CONFERENCE

THE CONFERENCE:

The 15th Annual National Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Conference will be held in **San Diego, CA from March 13 -15, 2016**. Attending the annual National EHDI conference is a great way for parents to participate in the EHDI process and connect with other families.

Maryland's EHDI Program within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene invites Maryland parents who have one or more children who is deaf or hard of hearing to submit their name (parent's name) by email to be considered for a funding opportunity to assist with the costs associated with attending this conference. A random drawing will be held to select one parent.

The **National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM)** is awarding a stipend to one parent in each state and territory in the nation to assist them in attending the 2016 National EHDI meeting.

The NCHAM stipend includes:

- * *Registration fee waiver (\$325 value)*
- * *\$425 to aid in travel, lodging, and other expenses incurred by attending the National EHDI Meeting (to be sent to the parent in the form of a check from NCHAM)*

- * Please note that as an NCHAM stipend recipient you may be asked to participate as a parent judge for the 2016 EHDI Website of the Year Award.
- * Please note that if selected, you will be required to submit a W9 form.

Funding is offered to encourage parents to attend the National EHDI Meeting who have not previously been able to attend and who would like to be more involved with their state EHDI program.

The deadline to email your submission to tanya.green@maryland.gov is NLT 5:00 PM on Friday, December 4, 2015. If you were awarded a funding opportunity via Maryland's EHDI Program within the past 2 years, you are ineligible to apply. In your email, please indicate

- **Your name and best contact information (preferred email address and preferred phone or TTY number)**
- **That you are a parent of one or more children who is deaf or hard of hearing**
- **That you reside in Maryland**
- **That you have not been awarded a funding opportunity via Maryland's EHDI Program within the past 2 years**
- **Answer the following question: How will the Maryland EHDI Program benefit from your attendance to the 2016 National EHDI Meeting?**

For additional information about this funding opportunity, contact Tanya D. Green at (410) 767-6432 or tanya.green@maryland.gov.

For additional conference information, including hotel information please visit www.ehdiconference.org/