

[Are you a parent of a child who is deaf or hard-of-hearing? The Maryland EHDI Advisory Council needs YOU! We have a vacancy for a parent representative and welcome your input – please consider joining the advisory council](#)

Background

The twelve members of the Council are appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. The composition is specified in the law and includes 1 physician with expertise in childhood hearing loss; 1 representative from the Maryland State Department of Education; 1 representative from the Maryland School for the Deaf; 1 educator of the deaf from a Local Education Agency (LEA); 1 representative from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 1 mental health professional with expertise in the area of deafness; 2 parents of a child who has hearing loss; 1 audiologist with expertise in childhood hearing loss; 1 representative from the Maryland Association of the Deaf; and 1 representative from the Alexander Graham Bell Association of Maryland, and 1 representative from the Governor’s Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH). Council meetings are open public forums. Meetings are held at least four times per year and an annual meeting for stakeholders is held.

Mission

The mission of the Maryland Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (MD EHDI) Advisory Council is to provide information, to consult with, and advise the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to ensure that all newborns receive appropriate, high quality early hearing detection and intervention (EHDI) services. Originally established in 1985 (Chapter 402, Acts of 1985), the Council currently operates in accordance with the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health General Article § 13-603.

Membership

Current Membership

Name	Representation
Brian K. Reilly, M.D.	Physician with expertise in childhood hearing loss
Stacy Fitzgerald	MSDE representative
Lori Moers	Maryland School for the Deaf representative
Judith Black	Educator from a local educational agency
Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D.	Mental health professional with expertise in deafness
Mary Ann Richmond	Maryland Association of the Deaf representative
Claire Buxton, Au.D.	Audiologist with expertise in childhood hearing loss
Olga Polites	Alexander Graham Bell Association
Kelby Brick, Esq, CDI	Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH)
Kisha Greenidge-Kader	Parent of a child who is deaf or hard-of-hearing
VACANT	Parent of a child who is deaf or hard-of-hearing
Cheryl De Pinto MD, MPH	DHMH representative

Council Member Responsibilities Include:

Regular attendance and participation in meetings and council duties as assigned.

Serve for a term of 3 years; two consecutive 3 year terms is the maximum term limit. After serving two consecutive terms, a member is eligible to apply for a new term after having not served as a board member for at least one, 3 year term.

Share knowledge and experience related to childhood hearing loss.

Participate in committee's as assigned or as interest and needs of the council dictate.

Compliance with Maryland Open Meetings Act

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Upcoming meetings are held at the Board Room of the Hearing and Speech Agency (5900 Metro Dr., Baltimore, MD 21215; Phone: 410-318-6780). Please park in the rear parking lot. ASL interpreters are present at meetings and a conference call option is available for Council members.

Thursday, January 21, 2016 Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Thursday, April 21, 2016 Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Maryland EHDI Stakeholders meeting - May 5, 2016

Thursday, July 21, 2016 Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Thursday, October 20, 2016 Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Contact Information:

Chairperson: Jennifer Reesman, Ph.D., ABPP

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Vice Co-Chairpersons:

Claire Buxton, Au.D. and Mary Ann Richmond

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MD EHDI Program Chief: Tanya D. Green, MS, CCC-A

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If you are interested in serving as a parent representative, please send an email that includes a *brief* (no more than 2 paragraphs, less than one page) biographical statement that describes your interest in serving on the MD EHDI Advisory Council to the MD EHDI Program Chief, Tanya Green (tanya.green@maryland.gov), *and* to the Council Chairperson, Dr. Jennifer Reesman (reesman@kennedykrieger.org). Questions about the council and the parent representative position can be directed to any of the individuals above. Applications will be accepted until January 8, 2016.

Please join us at any of our upcoming meetings!