Benchmarks (targeted numbers) were met for hearing screening performed on newborns at the civilian birthing sites before 1 month of age, infants needing outpatient rescreen, and infants needing a high risk rescreen.

Strategies used to reduce the number of infants lost to follow-up in the outpatient rescreen category included:

1. Scheduling and giving hearing screening outpatient appointments from the birthing sites before discharge;
2. Offering flexible hearing screening appointment dates and sites; and
3. Making reminder calls about appointment date and time.

Public awareness on the importance of early detection of hearing loss through the screening and evaluation processes was greatly enhanced by the Project’s participation in 18 community outreach activities and website re-design and updates.

Guam EHDI and the University of Hawaii, Telecommunications and Social Informatics (TASI) Research Program, continued to collaborate on the efforts toward interoperability between the Electronic Health Record (EHR) at the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) and Guam ChildLink - EHDI.

Efforts continued to strengthen the data collection and reporting system in preparation of the long-term goal of turning ChildLink - EHDI over to system partners.

The High Risk Risk-screening Clinic was moved to the Department of Public Health & Social Services Central Health Clinic. This was also a step towards strengthening our system of services and sustainability.

More users received training and are inputting data into ChildLink - EHDI which also strengthens tracking and surveillance efforts.

Memoranda of Agreement were finalized and executed with two local nonprofit organizations to implement the parent engagement component of Guam EHDI-Fitme.

Guam’s Positive Parents Together (GPPT), Project Fitme Project Coordinator held parent meetings to provide support to parents of children identified with a hearing loss.

The Guam EHDI Learning Community, consisting of parents of children who are deaf and/or hard of hearing (D/HH), pediatricians, audiologist, the Guam Early Intervention System Project Coordinator, Department of Education D/HH Coordinator, Nurses, Birthing Assistants and Nursing Supervisors, and the Guam Early Intervention System Project Coordinator held parent meetings to recruit and provide introductory parent mentor training and established a partnership with GEIS to implement the parent engagement component of Guam EHDI-Fitme.

Central Health Clinic. This was also a step towards strengthening our system of services and sustainability.

Activities and website re-design and updates.

Evaluation processes was greatly enhanced by the Project’s participation in 18 community outreach activities and website re-design and updates.

Project Achievements

1. Communication: Guam EHDI, Department of Education D/HH Coordinator, Nurses, Birthing Assistants and Nursing Supervisors, a Medical Faculty Member, and the Department of Public Health and Social Services Bureau of Family Health & Nursing Services Administrator, was established to increase health professionals’ engagement and knowledge of the EHDI system.
2. On March 29, 2018, Joseph Mendiola, Interoperability Data Manager, facilitated a Workgroup Evaluation Meeting with Guam ChildLink - EHDI stakeholders and key professionals. Mr. Mendiola, who also serves as the Guam EHDI Quality Improvement and Evaluation Coordinator, gave an overview of the progress Guam ChildLink has made in the past year and the steps taken to improve the quality of the EHDI EHR and provided a sneak peek into the potential improvements that can be made.
3. On March 20, 2018, Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDI) Project Fitme received the 2018 Project Achievements Honor Award for a National Health Care Initiative during the Idaho Conference on Early Hearing Detection and Intervention for Children. This award was presented by the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) as a recognition to the project’s leadership and exemplary performance.

Guam EHDI
Phone: 735-2466 TTY: 734-6531 • Email: nenihearing@guamcedders.org
Location: Dean Circle House 22, University of Guam
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8am - 12 noon, 1pm - 5pm

For more information, visit www.guamehdi.org

On March 29, 2018, Joseph Mendiola, Interoperability Data Manager, facilitated a Workgroup Evaluation Meeting with Guam ChildLink - EHDI stakeholders and key professionals. Mr. Mendiola, who also serves as the Guam EHDI Quality Improvement and Evaluation Coordinator, gave an overview of the progress Guam ChildLink has made in the past year and the steps taken to improve the quality of the EHDI EHR and provided a sneak peek into the potential improvements that can be made.

On March 20, 2018, Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDI) Project Fitme received the 2018 Project Achievements Honor Award for a National Health Care Initiative during the Idaho Conference on Early Hearing Detection and Intervention for Children. This award was presented by the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) as a recognition to the project’s leadership and exemplary performance.

The University of Guam is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.
The first meeting of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Parent Support Group was held on March 14, 2018. The purpose of the group is to establish a parent to parent...