



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

**ADVISORY COUNCIL  
FOR THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INFANTS**

**Friday, July 25, 2025  
12:00-2:30 p.m.**

**Location**  
Bienville Building, 173  
628 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Meeting link for  
Council Members & Public**  
<https://zoom.us/j/91479470279>

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order – Ashley Argrave-Smith, Chair
- II. Roll Call – Jana Broussard, Secretary
- III. Council vacancies (as of 7/25/2025)
  - a. a hospital administrator
  - b. a deaf person
  - c. a parent of a child who is deaf or hard of hearing using spoken language
  - d. a speech and language pathologist
  - e. an otolaryngologist/otologist
- IV. Mandate review – Dana Hubbard, EHDI Program Manager
- V. Public comment on Agenda item VI, VII
- VI. Approval of July 2025 Agenda (vote) – Ashley Argrave-Smith, Chair
- VII. Approval of April 2025 Minutes (vote) – Ashley Argrave-Smith, Chair
- VIII. Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program Staff
- IX. Hospital Scorecards 2024
- X. Council Member Onboarding
- XI. Workgroup Update: Law
- XII. New Business
- XIII. Public Comment
- XIV. Adjourn

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§2266. Powers, duties, functions of the advisory council

The advisory council shall:

- (1) Advise and recommend risk factors or criteria for infants who are likely deaf or hard of hearing and infants who may develop a progressive hearing loss.
- (2) Advise the office as to hearing screening, setting standards for the program, monitoring and reviewing the program, and providing quality assurance for the program.
- (3) Advise the office as to integrating the program for early identification of deaf or hard of hearing infants with existing medical, audiological, and early infant education programs.
- (4) Advise the office as to materials to be distributed to the public concerning deaf or hard of hearing infants.
- (5) Advise the office on the implementation of the program for early identification and follow-up of infants susceptible to a hearing disability, deaf or hard of hearing infants, and infants who are at risk of developing progressive hearing loss.

Acts 1992, No. 417, §1; Acts 2017, No. 146, §11.