



# 2019 Report Card on Canadian Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programs

This report card has been developed by the Canadian Infant Hearing Task Force (CIHTF), a collaboration between Speech-Language & Audiology Canada (SAC) and the Canadian Academy of Audiology (CAA).

<p><b>PROVINCE</b></p>	<p>Alberta</p>	
<p><b>EHDI GRADE</b></p>	<p><b>SUFFICIENT</b></p>	
<p><b>DESCRIPTORS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 89%+ babies screened*</li> <li>• All EHDI components province-wide</li> <li>• Clinical protocols are implemented and monitored</li> <li>• Database tracks infants and outcomes</li> </ul> <p>*program recently implemented</p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued commitment to and investment in a coordinated and comprehensive EHDI program province-wide that is supported by a data management system</li> <li>• Continued attention on program quality improvement and sustainability</li> </ul>	

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs aim to proactively address infant hearing health and include the following components: **1) universal hearing screening of all newborns; 2) identification of babies with permanent hearing loss; 3) intervention services which include support for technology and communication development; 4) family support; and 5) monitoring and evaluation of the program.**

Grades were assigned based on all five of the components being available province or territory-wide.

**CANADA'S GRADE: INSUFFICIENT**