

2018-2019 Joint Committee on Infant Hearing Updates

- Feb 2018: Executive Board for the Directors of Speech and Hearing Programs in State Health and Welfare Agencies (DSHPSHWA) has voted on the Year 2017 Position Statement: Principles and Guidelines for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programs with the following result: **ACCEPT WITH COMMENTS** (there were about 9 modification/clarification recommendations).
- Feb 2018: Document was submitted for initial review to Pediatrics for publication.
- March 2018: Returned by Pediatrics with initial edits including substantial reorganizing.
- April 2018 – June 2018: Back and forth between Pediatrics on edits
- June-July 2018: Updated 'clean' version of document incorporating agreed upon edits/changes submitted back to Pediatrics.
- October 2018: JCIH leadership had a conference call with AAP. It was determined that AAP will not be publishing the document in its entirety at this time.
 - AAP wanted to continue their collaboration
 - Detail & Scope of document is too broad for AAP to endorse as policy, which is required for publication in Pediatrics.
 - Recommended JCIH submit a "Perspectives" commentary from JCIH to Pediatrics after the statement is published elsewhere.
- October 2018: Discussions were held with JCIH members on other options for publishing. Options were explored further.
- November 2018: Document submitted to Ear & Hearing for publishing. Peer-review by journal started. Assuming no major issues, publishing likely to occur in first half of 2019.
- December 2018: Shared concern in writing regarding impact of delay in publishing, question about being published to a website prior to print, concern regarding 'leaked' information being presented inaccurately.
- January 2019: Initial (minor) requests/edits from Ear & Hearing editor.
- February 2019: Currently still in peer review for publishing by Ear and Hearing. Awaiting response regarding publication.