The EHDI Program goals are: screening no later than 1 month of age; diagnosis no later than 3 months of age; and intervention initiated no later than 6 months of age. Meeting these benchmarks improves a child’s ability to be on track for social, emotional, educational, developmental, language, and communication targets by kindergarten.

**2016**  
- **Babies Reported to IDPH:** 149,839  
- **Screened Before Hospital Discharge:** 99%  
- **Referred at Time of Discharge:** 3.5%

**2017**  
- **Babies Reported to IDPH:** 144,935  
- **Screened Before Hospital Discharge:** 99%  
- **Referred at Time of Discharge:** 3.5%

**Initial Diagnosis of Hearing Loss**  
- **313 babies** (i.e. 2.08/1,000 babies)  
- Note: 0.4% of babies deceased prior to screening

**Initial Diagnosis of Hearing Loss**  
- **312 babies** (i.e. 2.15/1,000 babies)  
- Note: 0.5% of babies deceased prior to screening

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