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Call for Nominations
ANTONIA BRANCIA MAXON
AWARD FOR EHDI EXCELLENCE

Nominations are invited for the **Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence** to be presented at the 2011 National EHDI Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. This award honors the work of Dr. Antonia Brancia Maxon to promote effective Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) programs for all newborns, infants, and young children. Dr. Maxon was a pioneer in EHDI programs, beginning with her leadership in the Rhode Island Hearing Assessment Project in the late 1980's. She was one of the first to recognize the feasibility and value of universal newborn hearing screening and was a tireless advocate for connecting screening programs with timely and appropriate diagnosis and early intervention.

Her extensive contributions to creating excellent EHDI programs were abruptly ended by a tragic automobile accident in May of 2007. In memory of her contributions, an **Award for EHDI Excellence** is presented each year at the National EHDI Conference to honor an individual or group of people who have made a noteworthy accomplishment in achieving excellence in EHDI programs nationally or in a particular state or region of the country. Activities such as the following might be considered:

- Completion and publication of a noteworthy research project that contributes to improved EHDI programs
- Implementation of a program, set of procedures, or guidelines that significantly improved the effectiveness of EHDI programs in a state or region.
- Development and dissemination of a training curriculum, instructional package, or educational materials that significantly improved EHDI programs in a state or region.
- Development and dissemination of a public awareness campaign.
- Creation of an effective family-to-family support program.

Nominations for the **Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence** should be made in the form of a letter or email and sent to Karl White at karl.white@usu.edu or mailed to:

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management
Utah State University
26150 Old Main Hill
Logan, Utah 84322-2880
Attention: Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence

Nominations must be received by **January 15, 2011** and should be limited to no more than 500 words. The nomination should describe:

- The noteworthy accomplishment that led to the improvement of EHDI programs in a particular state or region.
- How this accomplishment demonstrates significant creativity or initiative.
- The specific ways in which the activity contributed to EHDI excellence.

Presentation of the **2011 Antonia Brancia Maxon Award for EHDI Excellence** will be made at the National EHDI Conference in Atlanta Georgia on February 21, 2011. More about the conference, including past nominees and recipients can be found at www.ehdiconference.org.