

The NDEHS consortium of agencies represents an innovative collaborative model bringing together the university with a diverse group of non-profit community agencies to provide direct services to 195 children and families in New Castle and Kent Counties. The consortium also works to have an impact on many more families and service providers by way of its capacity-building approach in the areas of childcare, disability support, training, and coordination of services. NDEHS has worked with a variety of agencies over the years. The current consortium is comprised of various agencies including the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences and the Early Learning Centers at the University of Delaware, Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center, and Delaware Early Childhood Center.

NDEHS is integrated into the academic department providing an opportunity for research, field experiences and internships for faculty and students. NDEHS provides two to three graduate assistantships each year. Eighty students each semester participate in a home visits with NDEHS staff and participates as part of their field experience for HDFS 470, as well as interact in class with staff working at NDEHS learning about the work they do. In addition, each year we provide 50 and 400 hours internships for students, work opportunities for undergraduate students, as well as numerous volunteer opportunities.