Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, Diagnosis, and Intervention
Learning about Hearing Loss -- A Roadmap for Families

Before 3 Months
- Evaluation by Pediatric Audiologist (Hearing Specialist)
- Visit www.babyhearing.org

Before 6 Months
- Enroll in early intervention program that has experience serving children with hearing loss
- Regular visits to Pediatric Audiologist
  - Evaluations:
    - Ophthalmologist (eye specialist)
    - Genetic Specialist
    - Other Medical Specialists (heart, kidneys, etc.)

Stay tuned to your baby’s speech and hearing! Talk to your doctor if you have concerns.

“Baby steps” to listening and speaking:
- Moves eyes in direction of sounds
- Notices music and toys that make sound
- Babbling becomes more like speech with sounds such as /p, b, and m.
- Makes different sounds when happy or upset

“Baby steps” to listening and speaking:
- Startles to loud sounds
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Coos and gurgles
- Cries differently for different needs

Before 1 Month
- Evaluation by Pediatric Audiologist (Hearing Specialist)
- Hearing aid fitting by a Pediatric Audiologist
- Learn about assistive listening devices (FM systems, cochlear implants, etc.) and communication options
- Contact family support groups

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## Learning about Hearing Loss -- A Family’s Checklist

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| Evaluations: | |
| □ Evaluation by Pediatric Audiologist\(^1\): \(^2\) (Hearing Specialist) with experience testing children 0 – 2 years of age. (Babies over 4 mos. old may need sedation.) Be sure your doctor gets the results. | |
| Place: ____________________________ | |
| Date: ___/___/____ | |
| Test Results | | |
| Left Ear | Right Ear | | |
| □ Normal hearing | □ Normal hearing | | |
| □ Hearing loss | □ Hearing loss | | |

\(^1\)You will usually need a referral from your doctor to see these specialists

\(^2\)Many services may be available at no cost; contact your state Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program coordinator at 1-866-HEAR (4327) or visit www.hearandnow.org

- Visit www.babyhearing.org
- If a baby has a HEARING LOSS, the next steps are:
  - Evaluation by an ENT\(^1\): (Ear, Nose and Throat doctor) Place: ____________________________ Date: ___/___/____
  - Hearing aid fitting and monitoring by a Pediatric Audiologist, if needed, including information on loaner hearing aids
  - Learn about assistive listening devices (FM systems, cochlear implants, etc.) and communication options
  - Contact family support groups

**Service Provider Contact Information**
- Health Care Provider:
- Pediatric Audiologist:
- Early Intervention Provider:
- Family Support Group:
- Other: