

Speech, Language and Hearing Skills

Good hearing is essential for your baby's development. Information about hearing and typical speech and language milestones is valuable for all parents. Here is a list of some things babies with normal hearing should be able to do.

Around Two Months of Age

- ✔ Startles to loud sound
- ✔ Quiets to familiar voices
- ✔ Makes vowel sounds like "ohh"

Around Four Months of Age

- ✔ Looks for sounds with eyes
- ✔ Starts babbling
- ✔ Uses a variety of voice sounds, such as squeals, whimpers, chuckles

Around Six Months of Age

- ✔ Turns head toward sound
- ✔ Begins to imitate speech sounds
- ✔ Babbles ("ba-ba", "ma-ma", "ga-ga")

Around Nine Months of Age

- ✔ Imitates speech sounds of others
- ✔ Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- ✔ Turns head toward soft sounds

Around 12 Months of Age

- ✔ Correctly uses "ma-ma" or "da-da"
- ✔ Gives toy when asked for
- ✔ Responds to singing or music
- ✔ Locates sound on all levels

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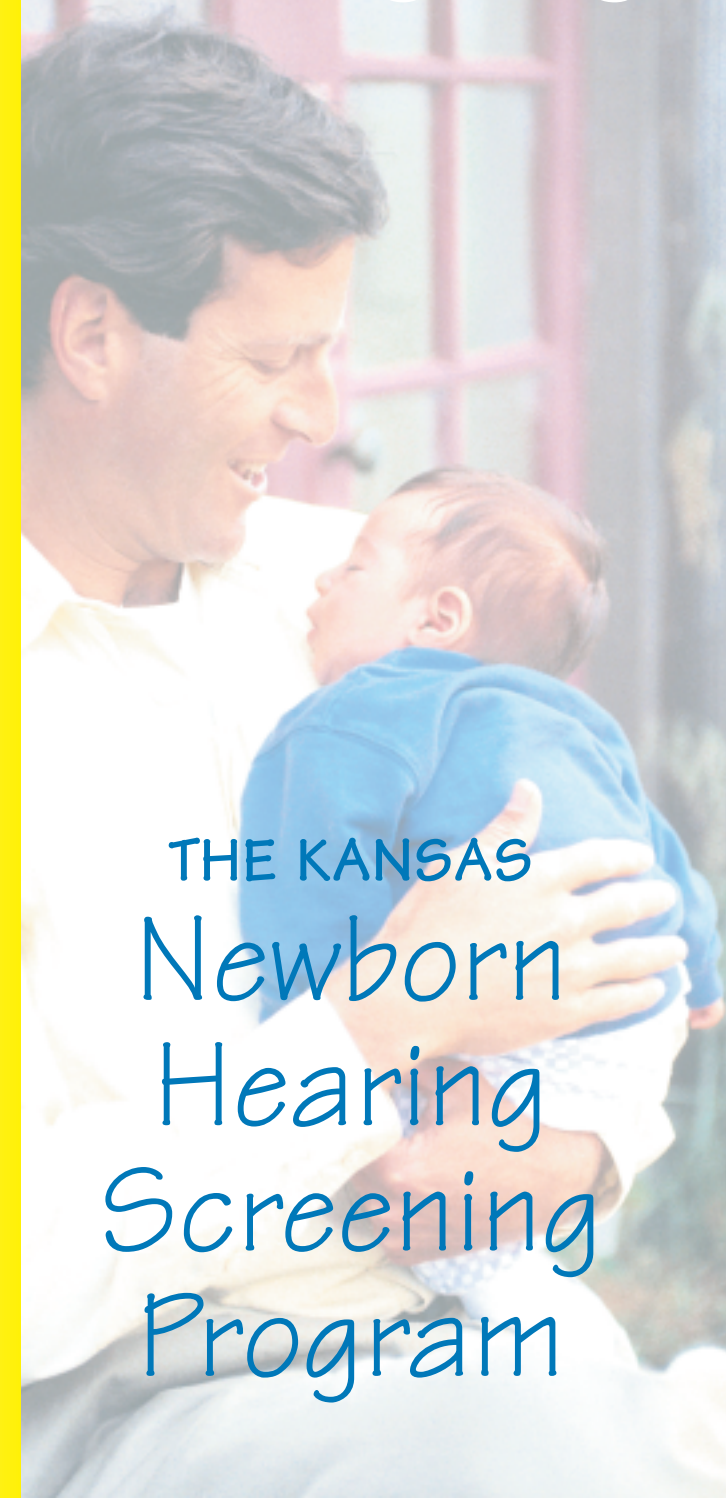
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