

Your Baby's Hearing Checklist

Birth to 3 months

- Blinks or jerks to loud noises.
- Quiets and watches parents face when talked to.
- Coos and gurgles.

3 months to 6 months

- Looks to see where sounds come from.
- Likes rattles, noise-making toys.
- Smiles and babbles when talked to.

6 months to 9 months

- Turns and looks at you when you talk.
- Looks at right person when words "Mommy" and "Daddy" are said.
- Uses sound (not crying) to get your attention.
- Makes sounds like: da, ba, and ma.

9 months to 12 months

- Knows names of favorite toys and can point to them when asked.
- Follows directions: (open your mouth, give me the ball).
- "Dances" and makes sounds to music.
- Makes "b," "d," "g," "m," and "n" sounds when "talking."
- Jabbers when being talked to, changing loudness of voice.

12 months to 18 months

- Points to body parts when asked.
- Brings objects to you when asked.
- Hears sounds coming from another room.
- Imitates new sounds and words.
- Says 10-20 words.

18 months to 24 months

- Understands simple phrases like: "in the cup" and "under the table."
- Likes to be read to and points to pictures when asked.
- Says own first name.
- Says two word sentences: "my shoes," "go bye-bye," "more juice."

Call the Toll-Free Hearing Helpline if you have a question.

VOICE: 1-800-633-1316
TTY: 1-866-635-4410 (toll free)



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Baby



has passed *the hearing screening.*



has **not** passed *the hearing screening. Please call:*

to schedule an appointment.

*Hearing screening should be completed within the first month of life.

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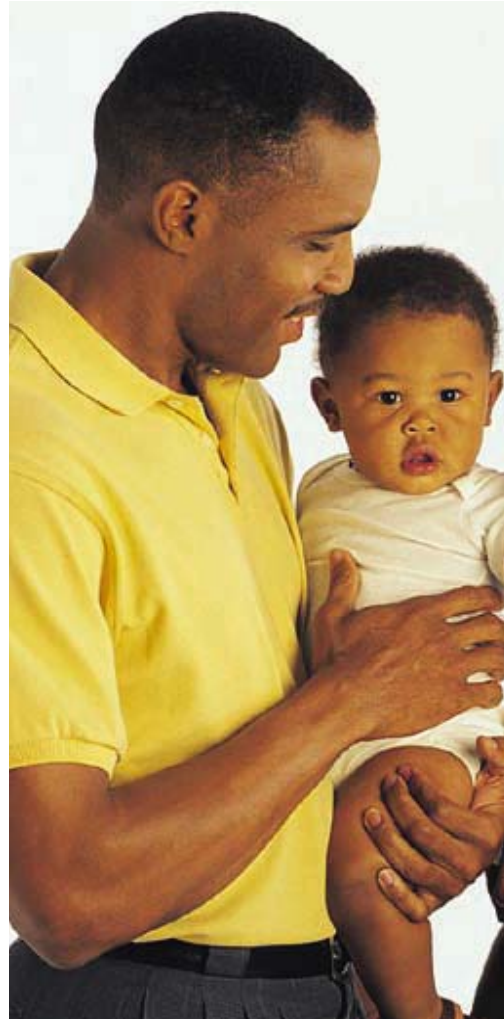
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Why is my baby tested?

The newborn hearing screening program is mandated for all infants born in the state of Maryland. Early intervention for a baby with hearing loss is the key to normal speech and language development.

How is my baby tested?

There are two types of equipment that may be used to screen your baby's hearing. One is called an **otoacoustic emissions (OAE)** test, which measures the response of the ear to sounds transmitted by a small probe inserted into your baby's ear. The other is called an **auditory brainstem response (ABR)** test, which measures the response of the brainstem to clicking sounds transmitted by a small earphone inserted into your baby's ear. Both tests are completely painless and can be done while your baby is asleep.



Why do some babies need another hearing screen?

There are several reasons why a baby may need another hearing screen. If your baby did not pass the first hearing screen, it is important that an appointment be made as soon as possible to determine your baby's hearing status.

Can my baby pass the hearing test and still have hearing loss?

The test performed at the hospital is only a screen. Some babies with normal hearing at birth may develop hearing loss later due to a number of factors. Some of the risk factors for later onset hearing loss include family history of hearing loss, illness, injury, and certain medications. Use the hearing checklist as a guide for normal hearing, speech, and language development. If you have any concerns your baby should have his/her hearing tested by an audiologist.