

Can Your Baby Hear?



**North Carolina
Newborn Hearing
Screening Program**

**Your Baby's
Hearing
Checklist**

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Birth to 3 Months

- Startles at loud sounds.
- Soothes or calms to your voice.
- Awakens to loud voices and sounds.

3-6 Months

- Turns eyes and head to sounds.
- Enjoys rattles and noisemaker toys.
- Anticipates feeding by familiar sounds (bottles rattling, spoon in dish, etc.)



6-10 Months

- Reacts to music by cooing.
- Responds to own name.
- Looks to the right person when hearing words such as "no," "all gone," "bye," "night-night."
- Babbles (sounds like: da, ba, ma)

10-15 Months

- Knows name of favorite toys and can point to them when asked.
- Likes rhymes and jingles.
- Imitates simple words and sounds.

15-20 Months

- Can follow simple directions, without gestures ("Go get your jacket, shoes.")
- Recognizes eyes, nose, hair, and other body parts when named.
- Asks for wants by naming, e.g., "blanket," "cookie," "teddy bear."

20-24 Months

- Begins combining words, such as: "more juice," "Go bye-bye car."
- Refers to self by name.
- Enjoys being read to.
- Shows interest in sounds of radio, television, and stereo.



Can my baby develop hearing loss later?

Yes. Different things can cause babies and toddlers to develop hearing problems later, so it is important to watch for any sign that your child may not be hearing properly. If you have questions about your child's hearing, contact his/her pediatrician or call 1-800-737-3028.



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1 - 3 - 6 For Newborn Hearing

- ◆ Screening by one month of age.
- ◆ Diagnosis by three months of age.
- ◆ Amplification selection and early intervention by six months of age.

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