

My baby did not pass the hearing screening....



What do I do now?



Idaho Sound Beginnings
Idaho Infant Toddler Program

Hearing Testing for Infants

1 FIRST STEPS

Your baby will be referred to a **pediatric hearing specialist** (audiologist) for diagnostic testing.

Set up the appointment for the hearing testing right away, if your hospital has not scheduled it already.*

Call 2-1-1 before your baby's hearing appointment date if you have financial needs or concerns.

Your hospital or *Idaho Sound Beginnings* can provide you with a list of **pediatric** audiologists in your area.

Important things to know about infant hearing and testing -

There are different 'kinds' of hearing loss. Many babies with hearing loss can hear loud sounds and will respond to bells and tapping and even loud voices.

Only diagnostic testing can confirm if your baby can hear ALL sounds, especially the sounds of speech and language.

Testing babies' hearing requires different skills and equipment than testing adult's hearing.

National Guidelines for Infant Hearing recommend that diagnostic hearing tests be done before the baby is ***3 months old.***

Hearing Loss is the most common birth disorder in newborns. It affects how your baby is able to communicate with you and the world.

90% of infants with hearing loss are born to hearing parents.

Please don't wait. Much can be done if hearing loss is identified early. ♥

My baby has an appointment for a diagnostic hearing evaluation on:

Date: _____ Time: _____

With _____
(Pediatric Audiologist)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Note: Please bring baby's "Newborn Hearing Referral/Results Form" to the appointment.



My Audiologist (aw-dee-AH-luh-jist) is a specialist in infant hearing. *Ryder A.*

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How is testing done?

A complete hearing evaluation should be done by a **pediatric** audiologist. The tests are painless and are best done while your baby is asleep.

Testing should always include—**Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) testing** - using several different test stimuli with a variety of intensities.

Other tests may be done including: **Otoacoustic Emissions testing (OAE)** and **Immittance testing**

Using this variety of tests provides the audiologist with information on the responses of both the inner ear and nerves to soft sounds, as well as the functioning of baby's middle ear.

If you have questions or concerns about your baby's hearing, hearing test, or payment for testing, please call:

Idaho Sound Beginnings

www.babyhearing.idaho.gov
(208) 334-0829 or (208) 334-0983

For financial help call:
The Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1

For more information: www.babyhearing.org
www.idahochild.org



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Hearing Milestones

Follow your baby's development, even if he/she passed the hearing testing. *Some babies develop hearing loss later in childhood.*

MONTHS

0-3 Startles to sounds
Calmed by mother's voice
Turns head towards your voice

3-6 Turns eyes and head to find your voice
Babbles a variety of sounds
Enjoys sound-making toys

6-10 Reacts to hearing his name
Understands easy words like "no" and "bye-bye"
Says "da-da" or "ma-ma"

10-15 Repeats simple words and sounds
Use two to three words other than "ma-ma" or "da-da"
Gives toys on request

18-24 Uses seven or more true words
Follows simple spoken directions
Can ask for several things by name

24-30 Vocabulary of 20+ words
Speaks in two-word phrases



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