

## Hearing Checklist

### Does your child:

#### From birth to 3 months:

- Blink or jump when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Wake up or cry to loud sounds
- Calm down when you speak

#### From 3 to 6 months:

- Look in the direction of a sound
- Become scared by loud voices
- Notice and enjoy playing with toys that make sounds

#### From 6 to 9 months:

- Understand easy words like "no", and "bye"
- Babble: "ma ma ma", "ba,ba,ba"
- Turn towards soft sounds
- Seem to understand own name

#### From 9 to 12 months:

- Consistently respond to both soft and loud sounds
- Point to favorite toys and objects when asked
- Repeats different speech sounds (uh-oh, dada)
- Say one or two words

## Would you like more information about hearing loss?

The following websites are excellent sources of useful information, support and answers to questions you may have:

<http://www.babyhearing.org>

<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu>

<http://www.handsandvoices.org>

<http://www.beginningssvcs.com>

<http://www.deafchildren.org>

<http://www.agbell.org>

<http://www.gohear.org>

<http://www.infanthearing.org>

<http://www.listen-up.org>

Call **earlySteps** toll free:

**1-866-327-5978**

The goal of Louisiana's newborn hearing screening program is to identify babies with hearing loss and link them with services by six months of age. The program collects information about the hearing screening process as per Act 653 of the 1999 Louisiana Legislature.



**Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals**  
**Office of Public Health**

[www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/childrensspecial/hearspeech](http://www.oph.dhh.state.la.us/childrensspecial/hearspeech)

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## Can your baby hear you?



Louisiana  
Early Hearing  
Detection and  
Intervention  
Program  
(EHDI)

# What Should I Do Now? A Parent's Guide

## Make a Follow-up Appointment

The hearing screening shows that your baby needs more testing. Remember, only a few babies will have a hearing loss.

There are a number of reasons why your baby did not pass the hearing screening. It could have been:

- fluid in the ear
- noise in the room
- movement of the baby
- an actual hearing loss

Your baby may not have a hearing loss, but the only way to be sure is to **keep the follow-up appointment.**

An appointment has been scheduled for follow-up testing:

Baby's Name:  
When:  
Where:

Audiologist's Name:

Phone:

**Please call the audiologist if you need to reschedule the appointment!**

## Prepare for the Appointment

A **pediatric audiologist** (hearing specialist) will do a more complete hearing test. It will be helpful if your baby is sleeping during the test. Here are some tips:

1. Try not to let your baby nap just before the appointment.
2. Feeding your baby a few minutes before testing may help to make him sleepy.
3. Bring a blanket and diapers, or anything that will help keep your baby comfortable.



## After the Appointment

- You and your baby's doctor will be given the results of the hearing test.
- Even if your baby **passed** the hearing test this time, it is still important to check your baby's hearing development.
- See the **checklist on the back** for some things babies do as they grow.
- If you have concerns, talk with your baby's doctor.

## Next Steps

If your baby **does** have a hearing loss, there are services that provide help along the way. Your audiologist will get you started.

- Get as much information as you can.
- Contact **earlySteps**, Louisiana's early intervention system.
- Continue to do what comes naturally—cuddle, talk, smile, love. These are ways you and your baby communicate with each other, and... it's all about communication!

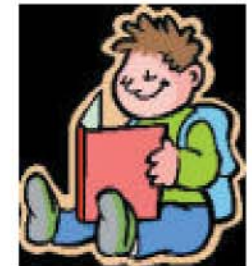


## Steps to a Brighter Future...

**...Hearing Screening**  
before 1 month of age

**...Diagnosis**  
before 3 months of age

**...Intervention Services**  
before 6 months of age



**Test early!**