Some things a baby with normal hearing should be able to do:

Birth to 3 Months of Age
• Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud sound
• Quiets or smiles when spoken to
• Makes sounds like “ohh,” “ahh”

3 to 6 Months of Age
• Looks for sounds with eyes
• Starts babbling (“baba,” “mama,” “gaga”)
• Uses many sounds, squeals, and chuckles

6 to 9 Months of Age
• Turns head toward loud sounds
• Understands “no-no” or “bye-bye”
• Babbles, for example “baba,” “mama,” “gaga”

9 to 12 Months of Age
• Repeats simple words and sounds you make
• Correctly uses “mama” or “dada”
• Responds to singing or music
• Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

If you have questions about your baby’s hearing or this list, talk with your baby’s health professional.

Where else can I get information?

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program
PO Box 364 • Trenton, NJ 08625-0364
(609) 984-1343 (TTY)
(609) 292-5676 (Voice only)
ehdi@doh.state.nj.us
www.nj.gov/health/fhs/ehdi/
Why does my baby need another hearing test?
- Some babies may need another test because:
  - fluid in the ear
  - noise in the testing room
  - baby was moving a lot
  - baby has hearing loss
- Most babies who need another hearing test have normal hearing. Some will have hearing loss.

Why is it so important to have another hearing test as soon as possible?
- Testing is the only way to know if a baby has a hearing loss.
- The earlier a hearing loss is found, the better it is for the baby.
- If your baby has a hearing loss, there are many ways we can help your baby.

Finding hearing loss early can make a big difference in your baby’s life.

What will happen during my visit?
- A hearing specialist (an audiologist) will test your baby and tell you the results or tell you if more tests are needed.
- The test is safe and painless.
- A few babies will need a more complete set of hearing tests, so you may be asked to bring your baby back.
- If your baby needs more testing, get it done as soon as possible.

Can a newborn baby pass the hearing test and still have hearing loss?
- Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first test, but lose their hearing later because of:
  - some illnesses
  - some medicines
  - some injuries
  - a family history of hearing loss
- Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
- Use the list on the back cover as a guide.
- If you have questions about your baby’s hearing, talk to your baby’s health professional.

An appointment has been made for your baby’s next hearing test:

Your Baby’s Name

Audiologist’s Name

Time and Date

Place

Phone number

Please call if you need to reschedule.