Typical speech, language and hearing milestones

Even if your baby passes the screening, it is still possible he or she can lose hearing later. It is important to look for these milestones.

Birth to 3 Months

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like “ohh” and “ahh”

4 to 6 Months

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Uses many sounds, squeals and chuckles
- Makes different sounds when excited or angry

7 Months to 1 Year

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands “no-no” or “bye-bye”
- Responds to singing or music
- Babbles, for example “baba”, “mama” and “gaga”
- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Correctly uses “mama” or “dada”
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

If you have questions about your baby’s hearing, talk to your baby’s doctor.

Where Can I Get More Information?
Call the Washington State Department of Health at 206-418-5613, toll free at 1-888-923-4334 or visit us online at www.doh.wa.gov/EarlyHearingLoss

Your baby’s first hearing screen results

Your Baby’s Name ____________________________

Date and Time ________________________________

Place _______________________________________

Test Method  Right Ear  Left Ear
☐ OAE           ☐ PASS     ☐ PASS
☐ ABR           ☐ REFER    ☐ REFER

Your baby did not pass the hearing screen. The appointment below is for your baby’s next hearing screen.

Date and Time ________________________________

Place _______________________________________

Phone Number _______________________________________

Please call if you need to reschedule.
Why does my baby need another hearing test?

Some babies may need another test because:
- Fluid in the ear
- Baby was moving or crying during the first test
- Too noisy in the room during the first test
- Baby may have a hearing loss

Make sure your baby’s hearing is rescreened before one month of age.

Even though most babies pass their second screen, it is VERY important to get the second test done. This is the best way to be SURE about your baby’s hearing.

How do I prepare for my baby’s second hearing test?

Like the first test in the hospital, the re-screen is quick, painless and best done when your baby is asleep.

- Try not to let your baby nap before the appointment.
- Feed your baby just before testing.
- Bring a blanket, extra diapers, change of clothes, and formula.
- Schedule the appointment for a time when your baby is likely to sleep.