An appointment has been made for your baby's next hearing screening:

**Your Baby’s Name**

**Date and Time**

**Place**

**Phone number**

Please call if you need to reschedule

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**Who can help if my baby has a hearing loss?**

The Early Development Network in Nebraska.

Contact them at their toll-free number 1-888-806-6287.

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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” and “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”
- Babble, 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.

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If you have questions about your baby’s hearing or these milestones, talk with your baby’s health care professional.

Call 402-471-6770 or toll free: 1-888-545-0935

http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/EHDI

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Why does my baby need another hearing screening?

Some babies may need another hearing screening because:

- Fluid in the ear
- Noise in the testing room
- Baby was moving during the test
- Baby has a hearing loss

Most babies who need another hearing screening have normal hearing. Some will have hearing loss.

Why is it important to have another hearing screening as soon as possible?

- Screening 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 your baby.
- Hearing is important for talking and learning.
- If your baby has a hearing loss, help is available. You are not alone.

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

What will happen during my visit?

- A trained professional will screen your baby and tell you the results or tell you if more tests are needed.
- The screening 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 screening and still have hearing loss?

Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first screening, 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.

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