

Your Baby Passed the Newborn Hearing Screening



Can a baby pass the hearing screening and still have hearing loss?

Yes. A baby's hearing can change at any time.

Talk with your baby's health care provider or contact a health clinic if any of these statements are true for your child – now or in the future:

- One of my baby's biological parents, or one of their close family members, was deaf or hard of hearing as a child.
- My baby was in the hospital's "NICU" or "PICU" – also known as the neonatal or pediatric intensive care unit.
- My baby had an exchange transfusion – a special type of blood transfusion.
- My baby has or had many ear infections.
- My baby has or had a head injury.
- I don't think my baby is hearing well.
- I don't think my baby is talking well.
- My baby's behaviors differ from the Hearing Checklist on the back of this paper.



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HEARING CHECKLIST

Here are some things a baby is typically able to do if they are not deaf or hard of hearing:

Birth to 3 Months

- Startles to sounds
- Calmed by parent's or caregiver's voice
- Turns their head toward your voice

3 to 6 Months

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

6 to 9 Months

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

9 to 12 Months

- Repeat simple words and sounds
- Uses 2 to 3 words other than "ma-ma" or "da-da"
- Gives toys on request
- Uses pointing to help with communication

12 to 18 Months

- Uses 7 or more true words – other than baby sounds
- Follows simple spoken directions
- Asks for several things by name

For more information, contact the
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