



Your Baby's HEARING

APPROXIMATELY

3 OUT OF **EVERY 1,000**

INFANTS are **BORN** with
HEARING LOSS

1 MONTH

All infants should have their hearing screened no later than **ONE** month of age

3 MONTHS

All infants who don't pass the initial screening should receive a diagnosis no later than **THREE** months of age

6 MONTHS

All infants identified with hearing loss should receive early intervention services no later than **SIX** months of age

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS AT ANY POINT IN YOUR BABY'S DEVELOPMENT, CONTACT THEIR DOCTOR.

HIGHER RISK FOR DEVELOPING HEARING LOSS

- ★ A NICU stay longer than 5 days
- ★ In utero infections, including CMV, herpes, rubella
- ★ Head trauma
- ★ Disorders such as Huntington's syndrome
- ★ Chemotherapy
- ★ Low birth weight
- ★ Head and face anomalies
- ★ Family history of hearing loss

CHILDREN WHO PASS
THEIR NEWBORN
HEARING SCREENING
**CAN DEVELOP
HEARING LOSS
AT ANY POINT
AFTER BIRTH**

UP TO 5%
of children have
HEARING LOSS
by school age

THE **IMPACT** OF **HEARING LOSS** CAN BE
REDUCED WHEN IDENTIFIED AND APPROPRIATE
INTERVENTION IS PROVIDED **EARLY**



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If not addressed, **HEARING LOSS CAN LEAD TO** delayed speech, language, and brain development, social isolation, reduced academic achievement, and more.

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The following activities provide your child with a language rich environment

- ★ Read books out loud everyday
- ★ Use "baby-talk" with infant
- ★ Talk about what you are doing in everyday environments
- ★ Sing nursery rhymes
- ★ Build confidence with positive reinforcement



Age Range	Communication Milestones	Red Flags for Hearing Loss
Birth to 3 months	• Coos and makes pleasure sounds • Calms down or smiles when spoken to • Recognizes your voice	• Doesn't startle at loud sounds
4 to 6 months	• Smiles in response to social interaction • Follows sounds with his or her eyes • Babbles in a speech-like way and uses many different sounds (p, b, m) • Pays attention to music • Responds to changes in the tone of your voice	• Doesn't babble or babbling discontinues after 6 months of age
7 to 12 months	• Turns and looks in the direction of sound • Babbles using long and short groups of sounds (mamama, bibi) • Understands words for common items such as "cup", "shoe", and "juice" • Communicates using gestures such as waving or holding up arms	• Doesn't respond to familiar voices • Doesn't notice toys that make sounds • Doesn't bounce to music
1 to 2 years	• Has one or two words by first birthday • Acquires new words on a regular basis • Enjoys simple stories, songs, and rhymes • Follows simple commands	• Doesn't acknowledge name called • Doesn't imitate simple words • Doesn't respond to television
2 to 3 years	• Frequently uses 2 or 3 word phrases • Understood by family and friends	• Doesn't follow simple commands

NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM

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