

Newborn hearing screening

All babies should be screened for hearing loss! It's as easy as 1-3-6! You can't see hearing loss, but it is the most common birth defect.

1 Most hospitals screen for hearing loss at birth before the baby leaves the hospital. The screen will indicate whether your baby needs to have a full hearing test (diagnostic audiology). Screening is painless and takes less than 10 minutes. It is important to have your baby's hearing screened by 1 month of age. If your baby has not been screened, contact the EHDI Program for a list of places you can take your baby. If your baby passes the hearing screen, watch how your baby grows and develops.

3 If your baby does not pass the hearing screen, it is important to follow up with your baby's health care provider and make an appointment for a full hearing test before your baby is 3 months of age.



6 When hearing loss is found early, children can get the help they need to make sure that communication, speech, and learning stay on track. If your baby has been diagnosed with hearing loss, it is important to call your local Early Intervention Program to get the services your baby needs by 6 months of age.

For more information

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

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