

Did you know that many babies with hearing loss will startle to loud sounds? Only a hearing test can tell you if baby has a hearing loss.

Some babies may need further hearing testing even if they passed a hearing screening at birth. It is important to talk with your child's doctor and make an appointment for further testing if:

You have a family member with permanent hearing loss since childhood.

Your baby was exposed to an infection before birth.

Your baby or you had an infection at birth such as sepsis, or cytomegalovirus.

Your baby had an infection of the brain after birth such as meningitis.

Your baby had severe "yellow jaundice."

Your baby's head, face, or ears have an unusual shape or form.

Your baby had breathing difficulty at birth or immediately following birth.

Your baby had a head injury.

Your baby was given medications that can harm hearing.

Your baby had to stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for more than 2 days.

The Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program helps families get the services they need. Call today if you have any questions or want to know where to get a hearing test.

1-877-757-4327

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For Newborn Hearing

Screening by 1 month of age.

Diagnosis by 3 months of age.

Early Intervention by 6 months of age.

If you have concerns about your child's hearing, or want to schedule a hearing test, contact your child's doctor and call the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program for help.

Toll Free

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A child is never too young for an accurate hearing test!

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Newborn Hearing Screening & Follow-up Care for Infants with Hearing Loss

Information for Parents

What is a screening?

All babies are checked for signs of some possible health concerns. These checks are called screenings.

Why is it important to have my baby's hearing screened?

If your baby has a hearing loss it is important to find out early and get care to help with learning and language.



How is the hearing screening done?

Your hospital will test your baby's hearing and give you the results before you leave the hospital.

The hearing screening test is simple and does not hurt.

What does it mean if my baby does not pass the hearing screening?

If your baby does not pass the hearing screening, it means that your baby needs further hearing testing. These tests will give you more information about your baby's hearing.

Follow-up testing is very important. If your baby has a hearing loss, you will want to find out early.



About 3 to 4 babies out of every 1000 babies will have some form of hearing loss at birth.

Where do I go for follow up hearing testing?

There are many resources for follow up testing for your child. You will receive a list of clinics to contact from Kentucky's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program or call 1-877-757-4327 for clinics in your area.



What if my child has a hearing loss?

Talk to your baby's doctor and audiologist.

Ask about local services for babies with hearing loss.

If you have any more questions, please call 1-877-757-4327.