

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

Ask about local services for babies with hearing loss.

Talk to your baby's doctor and audiologist.

What if I'm told my child has a hearing loss?



If your baby doesn't pass the hearing screen, you will receive a list of clinics to contact for follow up hearing testing from Kentucky's Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program.

Where do you go for follow up hearing testing?

Many babies with hearing loss will startle to loud sounds. Only a hearing test can tell you if your 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 5 days.

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The Early Hearing Detection & 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.

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



Follow-up testing is very important. If your baby has a hearing loss, you will want to find out early. These tests will give you more information about your baby's hearing.

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

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For Newborn Hearing**

**Screening before 1 month of age.
Diagnosis before 3 months of age.
Early Intervention before 6 months of age.**

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

**Toll Free
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A CHILD IS NEVER TOO YOUNG FOR AN ACCURATE HEARING TEST!



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You will get the results before you leave the hospital.

The check is simple and does not hurt.

Your hospital has a special machine to check your babies hearing.

How is the hearing screening done?



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

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

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

What is a screening?

**Twinkle, twinkle little star
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How I wonder
★★★
what you are!**



Can your baby hear this nursery rhyme?

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KENTUCKY CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

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IS YOUR BABY HEARING YOU?

Make sure your child can hear you say **“I love you”**. Endless days of silence – or muffled voices – can result in a lifetime of learning problems. Hearing loss can happen at any time. Your infant’s hearing can be tested anytime after birth.

Post this hearing checklist and use it monthly. If you suspect a hearing problem, call your doctor as soon as possible. **YOUR** child is counting on you.

My Child’s Hearing Checklist:

During the first three months, does your child:

- * Quiet when a familiar voice is heard?
- * Act startled when a loud sound happens nearby?

When your child is 3-6 months, does your child:

- * Turn head to search for the source of your voice?
- * Enjoy rattles and other noise-making toys?
- * Look to the speaker’s voice?



When your child is 6-10 months, does your child:

- * React to music by cooing?
- * Understand common words like “no,” “bye,” “all-gone,” and “nighty-night?”
- * Babble by saying sounds like “da-da,” “ba-ba,” or “ma-ma?”

When your child is 10-15 months, does your child:

- * Know the names of favorite toys and point them out when asked?
- * Respond positively to rhymes and jingles like “pat-a-cake” or “peek-a- boos?”
- * Imitate simple words and sounds?

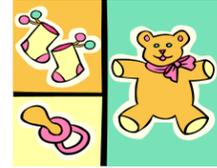
When your child is 15-20 months, does your child:

- * Follow simple directions such as “go get your shoes,” or “bring the book to me?”
- * Recognize names of body parts such as nose, eyes, ears, and hair?
- * Speak 10-20 words? (Words may not be clear but you understand them.)

When your child is 20-24 months, does your child:

- * Combine simple words such as “daddy work” or “go bye-bye?”
- * Refer to self by name?
- * Show interest in the sounds of radio and television?

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

Child’s Age	Talking	Yes / No
0 to 6 Months 	Does your child make cooing and comfort sounds? Does your child cry differently for different needs? Does your child make many different types of sounds? Does your child make sounds in response to speech?	
7 Months to 1 Year 	Does your child laugh a lot? Does your child shout to get your attention? Does your child make sounds like talking, but without real words? Does your child try to name familiar toys, people or things? Does your child try to imitate words?	
1 to 2 Years 	Has your child started to name pictures? Has your child started to use 1- 2 words together? Is your child saying more and more words every month? Does your child use many different consonant sounds at the beginning of words?	
2 to 3 Years 	Does your child use 3 to 4 word sentences? Does your child ask “what” and “where” questions? Does your child mispronounce many sounds, but uses some correctly? Does your child use “no” and “not” in phrases? Can you understand your child’s speech most of the time? Does your child have a word for almost everything?	
3 to 4 Years 	Does your child ask many questions, including why? Does your child use sentences about 4 – 5 words long? Can your child tell a simple story? Can your child generally be understood by strangers?	

Find your child’s age and answer the questions about their talking, hearing and understanding.

No child is too young to be assessed.

If you are concerned about your child’s development, talk to your physician and ask for a referral to the appropriate health professional.

All Yes: GOOD! Your child is developing hearing, speech and language normally.
1-2 No: CAUTION! Your child may have delayed hearing, speech, and language development.
3 or More No: ACTION! Take your child for professional help.