

Some Things a Baby with Normal Hearing Should Be Able to Do:

Birth to 3 Months of Age

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like "ohh" and "ahh"

3 to 6 Months of Age

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Starts babbling ("baba," "mama," "gaga")
- Uses many sounds, squeals, and chuckles

6 to 9 Months of Age

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- Babbles, for example "baba," "mama," "gaga"

9 to 12 Months of Age

- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Correctly uses "mama" or "dada"
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked.



If you have questions about your baby's hearing or these milestones, talk with your baby's health care professional.



Call 402-471-6770 or toll free: 1-888-545-0935
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/EHDI>

Who can help if my baby has a hearing loss?

The **Early Development Network** in Nebraska.

Contact them at their toll-free number **1-888-806-6287**.



Where Can I Get More Information?

An appointment has been made for your baby's next hearing screening:

Your Baby's Name

Date and Time

Place

Phone number

Please call if you need to reschedule



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Your Baby Needs Another Hearing Screening



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Why does my baby need another hearing screening?

Some babies may need another hearing screening because:

- ◇ Fluid in the ear
- ◇ Noise in the testing room
- ◇ Baby was moving during the test
- ◇ Baby has a hearing loss

Most babies who need another hearing screening have normal hearing.

Some will have hearing loss.



What will happen during my visit?

- ◆ A trained professional will screen your baby and tell you the results or tell you if more tests are needed.
- ◆ The screening is safe and painless.
- ◆ A few babies will need a more complete set of hearing tests, so you may be asked to bring your baby back.
- ◆ If your baby needs more testing, get it done as soon as possible.

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

Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first screening, but lose their hearing later because of:

- ◇ Some illnesses
- ◇ Some medicines
- ◇ Some injuries
- ◇ A family history of hearing loss

- ◆ Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
- ◆ Use the list on the back cover as a guide.
- ◆ If you have questions about your baby's hearing, talk to your baby's health professional.

Why is it important to have another hearing screening as soon as possible?

- ◆ Screening is the only way to know if a baby has a hearing loss.
- ◆ The earlier a hearing loss is found, the better it is for your baby.
- ◆ Hearing is important for talking and learning.
- ◆ If your baby has a hearing loss, help is available. You are not alone.

Finding hearing loss **early** can make a **big difference** in your baby's life.