

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," "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 towards 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 further questions about your baby's hearing:

- Talk to your baby's health care professional and visit the following websites:
 - <https://www.babyhearing.org/>
 - <http://www.ndcpd.org/ndehdi.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/index.html>



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Can Your Baby Hear?



North Dakota Early Hearing
Detection and Intervention
www.ndcpd.org/ehdi
1-800-233-1737

Why does my baby need hearing screening?

- › If not found early, hearing loss can result in speech and learning delays. It is important to find hearing loss as soon as possible.
- › If hearing loss is found early, there are many services to help you and your baby.
- › All babies are screened to find a possible hearing loss.
- › Having your baby's hearing checked is the only way to know if they have a hearing loss.



MAKE SURE YOUR BABY'S HEARING SCREENING IS DONE BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE HOSPITAL.

What should I know about hearing screening?

- › Screening is safe, painless, and can be done in about 10 minutes.
- › Most babies sleep through the screening.
- › You will get results before you leave the hospital.



MAKE SURE YOU TELL THE HOSPITAL WHO YOUR BABY'S DOCTOR IS SO THEY CAN SEND THEM THE RESULTS.

Why do some babies need another hearing screening?

- › Reasons include:
 - Fluid in the ear
 - Noise in the room
 - Active baby
 - Hearing loss

IF YOUR BABY DOES NOT PASS THE HEARING SCREENING, MAKE SURE HE OR SHE IS TESTED AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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

- › Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first screen, but may lose their hearing later because of:
 - Chronic ear infections
 - Illness
 - Family history of hearing loss
 - Injuries
 - Medications

Special Health Services Programs

Financial Coverage Program – Helps families pay for medical services for eligible children, youth, and young adults, from birth to 21 years of age who require specialty care to diagnose and treat their chronic health conditions. For more information, contact the Claims and Eligibility Administrator at 701-328-4816.

WATCH FOR SIGNS OF HEARING LOSS AS YOUR BABY GROWS! USE THE LIST ON THE BACK COVER AS A GUIDE.

