

Why test my baby's hearing now?

- Hearing loss is hard to find without testing.
- Hearing is important for communication - babies need to be able to hear very quiet sounds at many different pitches in both ears to develop speech and language normally.
- The sooner a hearing loss is found, the more can be done.

Hearing loss is common.

- Approximately 3 in every 1,000 babies is born with hearing loss.
- Even healthy babies can have hearing loss.
- Most babies with hearing loss have parents with normal hearing and no history of hearing loss in their family.
- Some babies have hearing loss in both ears. Some have hearing loss in just one ear. Some hearing loss is mild and some is severe. All of these babies need help right away to prevent delays in their development.



My baby's next hearing appointment:

Place:
Date:
Time:

Who do I call if I have questions?

Contact your baby's doctor or audiologist. You can also contact the Oregon EHDI Program at

Phone: 1-888-917-HEAR (4327)

Email: Oregon.EHDI@state.or.us

Web: www.healthoregon.org/EHDI

Birth Hospital

Phone # _____

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CENTER FOR PREVENTION & HEALTH PROMOTION
Maternal and Child Health Section
Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

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Early Hearing Detection and
Intervention Program
(EHDI)

Newborn Hearing Screening

Give your baby a sound beginning



Take the next step for your baby!

Newborn Hearing Screening Results

At birth

Place:	
Date:	
Equipment: <input type="checkbox"/> AABR <input type="checkbox"/> OAE	
Left Ear: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more testing <input type="checkbox"/> Could not test	Right Ear: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more testing <input type="checkbox"/> Could not test
At greater risk for hearing loss: <input type="checkbox"/> NICU >5 days <input type="checkbox"/> family history of childhood hearing loss <input type="checkbox"/> in utero infection <input type="checkbox"/> craniofacial anomalies <input type="checkbox"/> syndrome associated w/ hearing loss	

Why do some babies need more testing?

- There was temporary fluid in the ear.
- The baby was moving a lot.
- There was noise in the screening room.
- The baby has a hearing loss.

What should I do now?

- Schedule a re-screening appointment today.** This should occur before your baby is 1 month old.
- If re-screening is not an option, your baby will need to see a pediatric audiologist (hearing expert).** Get a list of audiologists from the hearing screener or online at www.healthoregon.org/EHDI.

Re-screening Results

Before 1 Month

Place:	
Date:	
Equipment: <input type="checkbox"/> AABR <input type="checkbox"/> OAE	
Left Ear: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more testing <input type="checkbox"/> Could not test	Right Ear: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more testing <input type="checkbox"/> Could not test
Next Steps: <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric audiology evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Watch speech and language progress <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your doctor if you have concerns	

Watch your baby learn and grow.

At 6 months, many children...

- Respond to their name
- Copy sounds

At 1 year (12 months), many children...

- Use simple gestures, like shaking head “no” or waving “bye-bye”
- Say “mama” and “dada” and exclamations like “uh-oh!”
- Respond to simple spoken requests

At 1 ½ years (18 months), many children...

- Point to show others something interesting
- Say several single words

At 2 years (24 months), many children...

- Say sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Follow simple instructions
- Point to things/pictures when they are named

For more info on early child development, visit www.cdc.gov/actearly

Pediatric Audiologist Evaluation

Before 3 Months

Place:	
Date:	
Left Ear: <input type="checkbox"/> Normal hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing loss <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more testing	Right Ear: <input type="checkbox"/> Normal hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing loss <input type="checkbox"/> Needs more testing

If your baby has hearing loss, take these next steps.

Ask your doctor for help.

- Begin Early Intervention**
A team of educators or professionals will work with you and your child.
- Connect with Oregon Hands & Voices – Guide By Your Side**
Parents of children with hearing loss will provide support, resources and help you navigate next steps.
- Schedule a medical evaluation**
Provided by ENT, ophthalmologist and other specialists in partnership with your baby’s doctor.
- Discuss hearing aids with pediatric audiologist**
Babies need access to sound to learn to listen and speak.
- Visit www.healthoregon.org/EHDI for more information:**
 - EHDI Family Resource Guide
 - www.babyhearing.org
 - www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss