



What Is Newborn Hearing Screening?

- **Screening identifies infants who need further testing.**
- **Screening usually takes place while your baby sleeps, and is safe and painless.**

Why should we screen newborns for hearing?

Particularly in infants, hearing loss is hard to identify without testing. Three out of every 1, 000 babies born will have some degree of hearing loss, which may result in delays in speech and language development for these children. Early identification and intervention enhances your child's potential for speech and language development.

Most hospitals in Oregon will screen your baby before you leave the hospital. If your baby did not receive a screening at the hospital, or your baby was born at home or a birthing center, you can find a list of facilities that provide hearing screening services at www.healthoregon.org/ehdi.

What does the Oregon EHDI program do?

The EHDI (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention) program collaborates with hospitals, audiologists, local public health, Early Intervention facilities, and other partners to ensure that infants with a hearing loss receive appropriate and timely intervention. You can reach the EHDI program by phone at 1-888-917-HEAR (4327) or by email at julie.a.hass@state.or.us. For more information, visit www.healthoregon.org/ehdi.