

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 toward loud sounds
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- Babbles ("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

Who do I call if I have questions?

Your baby's doctor or audiologist are the best people to ask. If you need help finding a professional to talk to in your community, call:

Iowa Family Support Network
1-888-IAKIDS1 (425-4371)
iafamilysupportnetwork@vnsia.org

Where else can I get information?

Visit www.idph.state.ia.us/iaehdi



Infant Hearing Screening

A Sound Beginning for Your New Baby



Why should my baby's hearing be screened?

- Most babies can hear well at birth, but a few do not.
- We screen all babies to find the ones who may not be able to hear.
- Screening is the only way to know if a baby has a hearing loss.
- It is important to find hearing loss as soon as possible. Babies whose hearing loss is not found early will have a hard time learning.
- If we find hearing loss early, there are many ways we can help your baby.

Make sure hearing screening is a priority after the birth of your baby.

What should I know about the screening?

- The screening is safe and will not hurt. It can be done in about 10 minutes.
- Most babies sleep through the screening.
- Screening results can be generated fairly quickly.
- Be sure to tell the hospital, birthing facility or midwife the name of your baby's health care provider or clinic so they can send them the results.



Why do some babies need another hearing screening?

- Some babies may need another screening because:
 - 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
- Most babies who need another screening have normal hearing. Some will have hearing loss.

If your baby does not pass the hearing screening or misses the hearing screening, make sure he or she is screened 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 lost their hearing later because of:
 - Some illnesses
 - Some injuries
 - Some medicines
 - 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

Your baby's hearing screening results:

Name: _____		
Right ear:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Missed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not pass	
Left ear:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Missed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not pass	
Appointment for next screening:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Needed	<input type="checkbox"/> Not needed
Date:	Time:	Phone:
Location:		