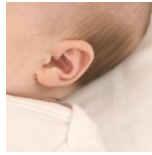




Reasons to Follow-Up if Your Baby Does Not Pass Newborn Hearing Screening

- ✓ As many as 3-4 babies in 1,000 have a significant hearing loss. Most of these are permanent hearing losses and hearing will not improve with age.
- ✓ Audiologists can provide hearing evaluations regardless of your child's age or stage of development.
- ✓ Early intervention services, especially when begun by 6 months of age, can make a significant difference in how well babies with a hearing loss learn language. Early intervention provides information, support, and services to help your child learn language, speech, and listening skills. Early intervention services are available throughout New Mexico and are provided free of charge to eligible children and their families.
- ✓ The fastest and most critical time for language development is between birth and 3 years of age. Babies and young children who can't hear well have a harder time learning language and learning to talk. Early identification of hearing loss in infants provides this valuable language learning time.
- ✓ Routine medical care seldom includes the hearing evaluation that could identify babies with a hearing loss. Your baby should see an audiologist experienced in testing infants and young children if your baby does not pass the newborn hearing screen.
- ✓ Babies who don't pass their newborn hearing screen because of fluid in their ear(s) may not have a permanent hearing loss, but they are more susceptible to ear infections.
- ✓ Even with good medical follow-up, 10% of preschoolers continue to have chronic ear problems during critical language development years. Children with early, recurrent ear problems are at risk for developing delays in language, listening, talking and academic skills.
- ✓ Children who have a hearing loss in only 1 ear have 10 times the risk for failing a grade in school.

Call your baby's doctor or local pediatric audiologist as soon as possible if your baby does not pass newborn hearing screening!



Your Baby's First Year Hearing, Understanding and Talking Checklist

Hearing and Understanding	Talking
<p style="text-align: center;">Birth to 3 Months</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Startles to loud sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles when spoken to</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes your voice and quits crying</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Increases or decreases sucking behavior in response to sound</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Birth to 3 Months</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Coos and makes pleasure sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cries differently for different needs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Smiles when sees you</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4 to 6 Months</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Moves eyes in direction of sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to changes in tone of your voice</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Notices toys that make sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pays attention to music</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4 to 6 Months</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Babbles in a speech-like way and uses many different sounds including "p", "b", and "m"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Chuckles and laughs</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Vocalizes excitement and displeasure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Makes gurgling sounds when alone or playing with you</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7 Months to 1 Year</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoys playing peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Turns and looks in direction of sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Listens when spoken to</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Understands words for common items such as "cup", "shoe", "book", "juice"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to requests such as "Come to Mommy" or "Want more?"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 Months to 1 Year</p> <p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Babbles to get and keep your attention</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Babbles using long and short groups of sounds such as "baba", "mamama"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Communicates using gestures such as waiving "bye-bye" or holding up arms to be picked up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Imitates different speech sounds</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Says one or two words such as "Hi", "dog", "Dada", "Mama" around first birthday</p>