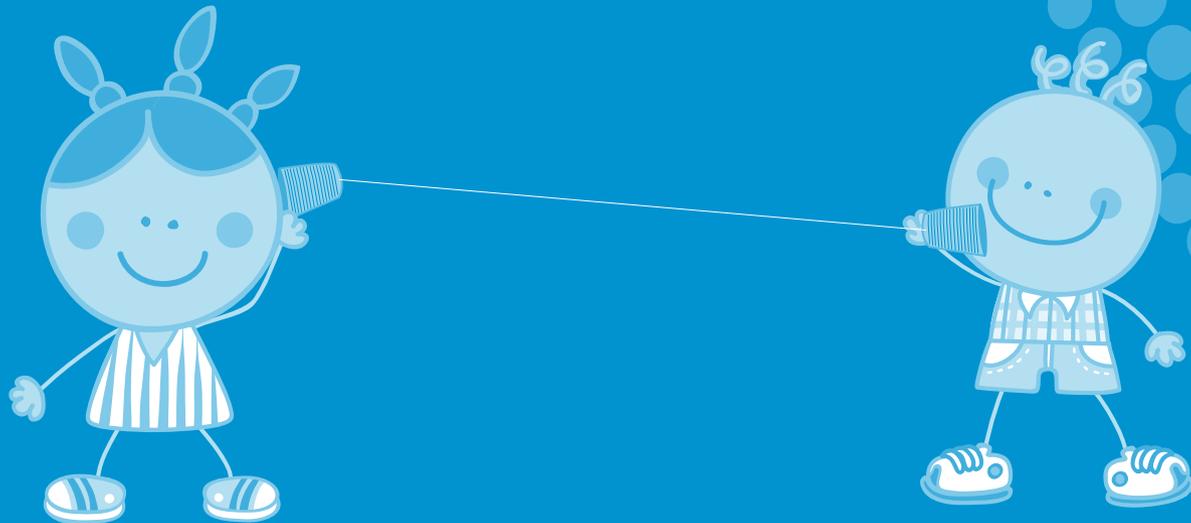


Hearing



Things to look for with your baby's hearing

Does your baby:

- from birth startle to a loud noise?
- show an awareness of the sound of voices by 2 months?
- search for sound with their eyes by 4 months?
- respond to sound by turning their head by 6 months?

Remember, if your baby was born prematurely, adjust their age for prematurity to see what you can expect them to be doing.

If you are worried about your child's hearing see your doctor.

Hearing screening and assessment

Universal neonatal hearing screening (newborn hearing screen)

All babies have a hearing screen soon after birth. It is very important to find out early if your baby has a hearing loss so that they can be treated if needed. Neonatal hearing screening is quick, free and results are available straight away.

Check to see if your baby has had a screen, and what the result was. Your baby should have at least one of the indicated hearing screens.

If your baby has not had a hearing screen, contact the Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening program on (08) 8303 1585 (Monday – Friday office hours).

It's best to have the screen as soon as possible after your baby is born. If you miss this, call (08) 8303 1585 to make a time. This screen can be done up to 6 months of age, although younger is better.

Hearing screen results			
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12 month Hearing Assessment Service

Appointment recommended Yes / No

Date ___ / ___ / ___ Signature _____

Please refer to criteria overleaf.

Universal neonatal hearing screening results

Pass

Your baby showed a clear response to sound in both ears during the screening tests.

Refer

Your baby did not show a clear response to sound during the screening tests.

If referred on the first newborn screen, the Child and Family Health Service will contact you to arrange follow-up screening. This will occur separately to any other services you may or may not have consented to receive from the Child and Family Health Service.

If referred on the follow-up screening the Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening program will contact you to arrange for further diagnostic hearing tests for your baby. This test takes anywhere from 2 to 4 hours and testing requires your baby to be asleep for part of the appointment. Please ensure your baby does not have a sleep before the appointment. We recommend feeding your baby upon arrival or just before the appointment to ensure your baby is settled.

Please read the Universal Neonatal Hearing Screening brochure given to you at the first hearing screen.

Follow-up with the Hearing Assessment Service is recommended at 12 – 15 months of age if any of the following risk factors are identified, even if they have passed the universal neonatal hearing screening:

- > a close relative (child's parent or sister/brother, child parent's sisters/brothers or their children) has a congenital hearing impairment
- > significant head injury
- > any disorder affecting the brain or nerve pathways
- > any syndrome known to be related to hearing loss, such as Down Syndrome
- > Meningitis/Encephalitis
- > Congenital infection during pregnancy (Cytomegalovirus (CMV), Toxoplasmosis, Rubella, Herpes Simplex, Syphilis)
- > admission to neonatal intensive care unit and ventilated for more than 3 days
- > aminoglycoside antibiotics (such as Gentamicin) administered for 3 days or more at the time of screening
- > jaundice requiring exchange transfusion
- > parental concern about the child's hearing.

For more information or to make an appointment please contact the Hearing Assessment Service on (08) 8303 1530.