

If you have questions about your baby's hearing, talk with your baby's doctor or health care provider.

Milestones in Your Baby's Hearing & Speech Development . . .

Birth to 3 Months Old

- 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 Old

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Recognizes parent's voice
- Uses many sounds, squeals and chuckles

6 to 9 Months Old

- Turns head toward sounds
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- Makes babbling sounds ("baba," "mama," "gaga")

9 to 12 Months Old

- 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

Where else can I get information?

- Call (866) 493-1090 or TTY users dial 7-1-1 for Virginia Relay
- Visit www.vahealth.org/hearing

Can Your Baby Hear?



Be Sure Your Baby's Hearing Is Tested Before 1 Month of Age

Virginia Early Hearing Detection
and Intervention Program

Finding hearing loss **early** can make a big difference in how your baby learns and develops.



Be sure your baby has a hearing screening test before leaving the hospital. (If your baby is not born in a hospital, be sure your baby has a hearing screening **before 1 month** of age.)



If your baby fails this hearing screening—immediately schedule a hearing evaluation for diagnosis with an audiologist **before** your baby is **3 months** of age.



If your baby is diagnosed with a hearing loss, begin early intervention services **before 6 months** of age.



Help your baby get off to a sound start!

Your baby's hearing test results

Your baby, _____, born _____
(name) (birth date)

Received a hearing test on _____ at _____
(date) (hospital/clinic)

The results were:	Right Ear:	Pass	Fail
(circle result for each ear)	Left Ear:	Pass	Fail

Date of next appointment (if needed): _____

Make sure your baby's doctor or health care provider knows the results.

Keep test results with your baby's medical records.

