

CHILDHOOD HEARING LOSS



Detecting Childhood Hearing Loss



- **Newborn Hearing Screenings:** All babies should receive a newborn hearing screening by one month of age. Infants who do not pass the screening should see an audiologist for follow-up testing as soon as possible.



- **Childhood Hearing Screenings:** Children should receive periodic hearing screenings at their primary care doctor and through school-based screenings. Those who do not pass a screening should be referred to an audiologist for a comprehensive hearing evaluation.



Hearing loss can affect how children learn language and communication skills. **Early detection** helps families set goals and make decisions to support their child in a timely manner.



Support Services: All types of hearing loss can affect a **child's language, learning, and brain development** if not addressed early. Timely intervention and early language support—spoken, signed, or both—are key.

Resources

The following websites may be helpful resources for families:

[My Baby's Hearing](#)

[EHDl-PALS](#)

[Hands & Voices](#)

[Newborn Hearing Screening and Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Resources | NCHAM](#)

[Hearing First](#)

[Resources for Parents and Professionals Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing | Hear to Learn](#)

Audiologists Can Help

Find an ASHA certified audiologist at www.asha.org/profind