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EARLY HEARING DETECTION AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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IS YOUR BABY HEARING YOU?

Make sure your child can hear you say “I love you”. Endless days of silence – or muffled voices – can result in a lifetime of learning problems. Hearing loss can happen at any time. Your infant’s hearing can be tested anytime after birth.

*Post this hearing checklist and use it monthly. If you suspect a hearing problem, call your doctor as soon as possible. **YOUR** child is counting on you.*

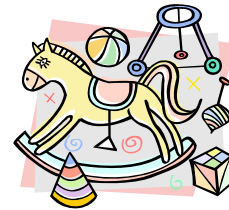
My Child’s Hearing Checklist:

During the first three months, does your child:

- Become quiet when a familiar voice is heard?
- Act startled when a loud sound happens nearby?

When your child is 3-6 months, does your child:

- Turn head to search for the source of your voice?
- Enjoy rattles and other noise-making toys?
- Look to the speaker’s voice?



When your child is 6-10 months, does your child:

- React to music by cooing?
- Understand common words like “no,” “bye,” “all-gone,” and “nighty-night?”
- Babble by saying sounds like “da-da,” “ba-ba,” or “ma-ma?”

When your child is 10-15 months, does your child:

- Know the names of favorite toys and point them out when asked?
- Respond positively to rhymes and jingles like “pat-a-cake” or “peek-a- boos?”
- Imitate simple words and sounds?

When your child is 15-20 months, does your child:

- Follow simple directions such as “go get your shoes,” or “bring the book to me?”
- Recognize names of body parts such as nose, eyes, ears, and hair?
- Speak 10-20 words? (Words may not be clear but you understand them.)

When your child is 20-24 months, does your child:

- Combine simple words such as “daddy work” or “go bye-bye?”
- Refer to self by name?
- Show interest in the sounds of radio and television?

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

| Child's Age | Talking | Yes / No |
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| <p>0 to 6 Months</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child make cooing and comfort sounds? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child cry differently for different needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child make many different types of sounds? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child make sounds in response to speech? | |
| <p>7 Months to 1 Year</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child laugh a lot? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child shout to get your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child make sounds like talking, but without real words? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child try to name familiar toys, people or things? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child try to imitate words? | |
| <p>1 to 2 Years</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has your child started to name pictures? <input type="checkbox"/> Has your child started to use 1- 2 words together? <input type="checkbox"/> Is your child saying more and more words every month? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child use many different consonant sounds at the beginning of words? | |
| <p>2 to 3 Years</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child use 3 to 4 word sentences? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child ask "what" and "where" questions? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child mispronounce many sounds, but uses some correctly? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child use "no" and "not" in phrases? <input type="checkbox"/> Can you understand your child's speech most of the time? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child have a word for almost everything? | |
| <p>3 to 4 Years</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child ask many questions, including why? <input type="checkbox"/> Does your child use sentences about 4 – 5 words long? <input type="checkbox"/> Can your child tell a simple story? <input type="checkbox"/> Can your child generally be understood by strangers? | |

Find your child's age and answer the questions about their talking, hearing and understanding.

No child is too young to be assessed. If you are concerned about your child's development, talk to your physician and ask for a referral to the appropriate health professional.

All Yes: GOOD! Your child is developing hearing, speech and language normally.

1-2 No: CAUTION! Your child may have delayed hearing, speech, and language development.

3 or More No: ACTION! Take your child for professional help.