

Hearing Aid Services

Comprehensive hearing aid related services are available to children diagnosed with permanent childhood hearing loss (PCHL).

Who should be referred to the OCSHCN Hearing Aid Services program?

Children who are in need of new or replacement hearing aids and want to receive hearing aids and related services through a OCSHCN audiologist and wish to receive Otology care outside of the clinical Otology program.

What audiology services are available through the OCSHCN Hearing Aid Services program?

Licensed, certified audiologists conduct periodic comprehensive hearing evaluations, hearing aid checks, hearing aid repairs and hearing aid evaluations according to ASHA best practices guidelines. Comprehensive reports are provided to the managing otolaryngologist on an on-going basis; additional follow up testing will be completed at physician request.

For more information, call the office nearest you:

Barbourville
(800) 348-4279
(606) 546-5109

Elizabethtown
(800) 995-6982
(270) 766-5370

Lexington
(800) 817-3874
(859) 252-3170

Morehead
(800) 928-3049
(606) 783-8610

Paducah
(800) 443-3651
(270) 443-3651

Somerset
(800) 525-4279
(606) 677-4120

Bowling Green
(800) 843-5877
(270) 746-7816

Hazard
(800) 378-3357
(606) 435-6167

Louisville
(800) 232-1160
(502) 429-4430

Owensboro
(877) 687-7038
(270) 687-7038

Prestonsburg
(800) 594-7058
(606) 889-1761



Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs

Audiology and Hearing Aid Services

Information for Parents and Providers

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs
310 Whittington Parkway, Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40222
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Who qualifies for services through the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN)?

All children (birth to 21 years) who are residents of Kentucky.

What is the cost for Hearing Evaluation Services?

There is no charge to the family for initial evaluation for children referred based on failed newborn hearing or school screening; Medicaid rates charged to others; sliding fee scale utilized.

How do I contact the OCSHCN to make a referral?

Please call the office nearest to you. Audiologists are on staff in 10 state of the art, child friendly facilities.



Who should be referred for hearing testing?

- Children who meet criteria as at risk for late onset or progressive hearing loss (including chronic middle ear problems);
- Children being tracked by school screening/hearing conservation and the Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHDI) programs; and,
- Children who have been diagnosed with permanent hearing loss (PCHL) may qualify for ongoing evaluation services through the Audiology Program at OCSHCN.

What testing is available?

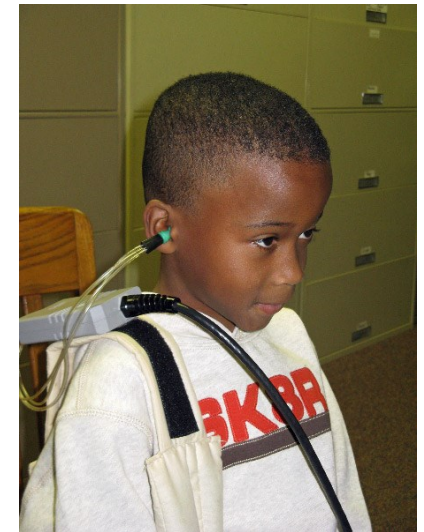
Licensed, certified audiologists conduct comprehensive hearing evaluations on newborns, infants and children of all ages including:

ABR (Auditory Brainstem Response)

OAE (Otoacoustic Emissions)

Immittance Measures (Tympanometry and Acoustic reflex testing)

Behavioral Audiometry (Visual reinforcement; conditioned play; conventional audiometry including speech perception testing)



Test results and written report provided to referring physician within 48 hours of scheduled appointment; follow up testing scheduled at physician request.

