

Many babies with hearing loss will startle to loud sounds. Only a hearing test can tell you if your baby has a hearing loss.

Some babies may need further hearing testing even if they passed a hearing screening at birth. It is important to talk with your child's doctor and make an appointment for further testing if:

- You have a family member with permanent hearing loss since childhood. Your baby was exposed to an infection before birth.
- Your baby or you had an infection at birth such as sepsis, or cytomegalovirus. Your baby had an infection of the brain after birth such as meningitis.
- Your baby had severe "yellow jaundice." Your baby's head, face, or ears have an unusual shape or form.
- Your baby had breathing difficulty at birth or immediately following birth.
- Your baby had a head injury.
- Your baby was given medications that can harm hearing.
- Your baby had to stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for more than 5 days.

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**For Newborn Hearing Screening *before* 1 month of age.
Diagnosis *before* 3 months of age.
Early Intervention *before* 6 months of age.**

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If you have concerns about your child's hearing, or want to schedule a hearing test, contact your child's doctor and call the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program for help.

Toll Free: 1-877-757-4327
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***A CHILD IS NEVER
TOO YOUNG FOR AN
ACCURATE HEARING TEST!***

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The Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program helps families get the services they need. Call today if you have any questions or want to know where to get a hearing test.

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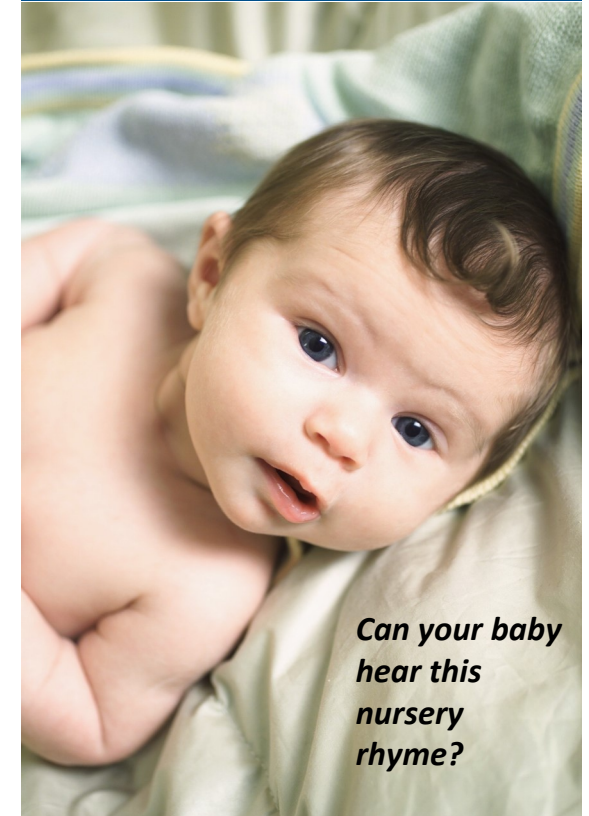
Twinkle, twinkle little star

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How I wonder

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what you are!



*Can your baby
hear this
nursery
rhyme?*

**Kentucky's
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What is a screening?

All babies are checked for signs of possible health concerns. These checks are called screenings.

Why is it important to have your baby's hearing screened?

If your baby has a hearing loss it is important to find out early and get care to help with learning and language.

How is the hearing screening done?

Your hospital has a special machine to check your baby's hearing.

The check is simple and does not hurt.

You will get the results before you leave the hospital.

About 3 to 4 babies out of every 1000 babies will have some form of hearing loss at birth.

What does it mean if your baby fails the hearing screening?

If your baby fails the hearing screening, it means that your baby needs further hearing testing. These tests will give you more information about your baby's hearing.



Follow-up testing is very important. If your baby has a hearing loss, you will want to find out early.

Where do you go for follow up hearing testing?

If your baby fails the hearing screen, you will receive a list of clinics to contact for follow up hearing testing from Kentucky's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program.



What if I'm told my child has a hearing loss?

Talk to your baby's doctor **and** audiologist.

Ask about local services for babies with hearing loss.

If you have any more questions, please call 1-877-757-4327.