

## Speech and Language Developmental Milestones:

### Birth to 3 Months of Age

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like "ohh" and "ahh"

### 3 to 6 Months of Age

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Starts babbling ("baba," "mama," "gaga")
- Uses many sounds, squeals, and chuckles

### 6 to 9 Months of Age

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands "no-no" or "bye-bye"
- Babbles, for example "baba," "mama," "gaga"

### 9 to 12 Months of Age

- 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.



If you have questions about your baby's hearing or these milestones, talk with your baby's doctor.



Call 402-471-6770 or toll free: 1-888-545-0935  
<http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/EHDI>

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## Who can help if my baby has hearing loss?

The **Early Development Network** in Nebraska.

Contact them at their toll-free number **1-888-806-6287**.



Where Can I Get More Information?

[www.babyhearing.org](http://www.babyhearing.org)

An appointment has been made for your baby's next hearing screening:

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**Baby's Name**

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**Date and Time**

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**Place**

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**Phone number**

**Please call if you need to reschedule**

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# Your Baby Needs Another Hearing Screening



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## Why does my baby need another hearing screening?

Some babies may need another hearing screening because of:

- ◇ Fluid in the ear
- ◇ Noise in the testing room
- ◇ Baby was moving during the test
- ◇ Baby has a hearing loss

Most babies who need another hearing screening have normal hearing.

Some will have hearing loss.



## Why is it important to have another hearing screening as soon as possible?

- ◇ Screening is the only way to know if a baby has hearing loss.
- ◇ The earlier hearing loss is found, the better it is for your baby.
- ◇ Hearing is important for talking and learning.
- ◇ If your baby has hearing loss, help is available. You are not alone.

Finding hearing loss **early** can make a **big difference** in your baby's life.

## What will happen during my visit?

- ◇ A trained professional will screen your baby and tell you the results. They will also tell you if more tests are needed.
- ◇ The screening is safe and painless.
- ◇ Some babies will need more extensive hearing tests, so you may be asked to bring your baby back.
- ◇ If your baby needs more testing, get it done as soon as possible.

## Can a newborn baby pass the hearing screening and **still** have hearing loss?

Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first screening, but lose their hearing later because of:

- ◇ Some illnesses
  - ◇ Some medicines
  - ◇ Some injuries
  - ◇ A family history of hearing loss
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- ◇ Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
  - ◇ Use the list on the back cover as a guide.
  - ◇ If you have questions about your baby's hearing, talk to your baby's doctor.