Your Baby’s Hearing Results

Congratulations on the birth of your baby!

The facility where your baby was born conducted a newborn hearing screening.

Your baby **failed** the hearing screening.

Since language development begins at birth, it is recommended that:

- Your baby is screened.
- If your baby failed more than one screening, **IMMEDIATELY** schedule a diagnostic hearing evaluation with a pediatric audiologist.
- Visit EHDIPALS.org to find a pediatric audiologist or contact Virginia Early Hearing Detection & Intervention at VA_EHDI@vdh.virginia.gov.

It is recommended that you **monitor milestones** in your baby’s hearing and speech development.

**Milestones to Monitor**

**Birth to 3 months old:**
- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like “ooh” or “ahh”

**6 to 9 Months Old:**
- Turns head toward sounds
- Understands “no-no” or “bye-bye”
- Makes babbling sounds (“baba,” “mama,” “gaga”)

**3 to 6 Months Old:**
- Looks for sound with eyes
- Recognizes parent’s voice
- Uses many sounds, squeals and chuckles

**9 to 12 Months Old:**
- Repeats simple words and sounds
- Correctly uses “mama” or “dada”
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

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