Congratulations on the birth of your baby!

Your baby missed their newborn hearing screening at birth. You have the chance to help your baby get off to a sound start! As language development begins at birth, it is recommended that:

• Your baby is screened by a pediatric audiologist or hearing screener by one month of age.
• 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 in the first year of their life.

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”

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

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

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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