



# Your Baby's Hearing Results

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](https://EHDIPALS.org) to find a pediatric audiologist or contact Virginia Early Hearing Detection & Intervention at [VA\\_EHDI@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto: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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