

Important steps for your baby's hearing health

Language development starts at birth.

The sooner the better.
Meeting this timeline is an important step you can take for your baby.

Hearing screening before 10 days of age

A failed hearing screening does not mean your baby has hearing loss, but further testing is needed.

CMV testing before 21 days of age

If your baby failed their hearing screening(s), they need testing for congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV). This testing is time-sensitive.

Diagnostic hearing evaluation before 3 months of age

Be sure to schedule your baby's hearing test with a pediatric audiologist who has experience testing infants.

Additional audiology follow-up appointments may be necessary

Your baby may need more than one appointment to obtain a complete picture of their hearing. If there is any level of hearing loss, the audiologist will help you understand the different options available to help your child.

Enroll in early intervention before 6 months of age

If your baby has any level of hearing loss, it is important to start early intervention (EI) services as soon as possible. Providers will support your family's goals and your child's developmental needs.

Utah Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

Screening

before 10 days of age

1st screening:

Right ear Left ear

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fail	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your baby should be screened before they leave the hospital. If they were born at home, they should be screened no later than 5 days of age.



If your baby failed the 1st screening, be sure to complete a 2nd screening

2nd screening:

Right ear Left ear

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fail	<input type="checkbox"/>

CMV testing

before 21 days of age

Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is a common virus. A CMV infection during pregnancy may impact a child's development, including the brain, eyes, and ears. **It is a common cause of hearing loss.**

If your baby fails the 2nd hearing screening (or if your baby fails a 1st screening after 14 days of age), a CMV test should be done as soon as possible. Your audiologist will need to know these results.



CMV testing is time sensitive!

Testing is painless. A saliva or urine sample will be collected.

91% of women do not know about CMV. To learn more go to: health.utah.gov/cmV

Diagnostic ABR

before 3 Months of age



Clinic: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Next steps for children identified with hearing loss:

- Evaluation with **ENT** (Ear, Nose and Throat Doctor)
- Learn about **technology options** (Hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, etc.)
- Your baby may need additional audiology testing
- Learn about **communication options**
- Contact the Utah Parent Center for **family support** at ehdiparents@utah.gov

Early intervention

before 6 Months of age

The Utah Schools for the Deaf & the Blind **Parent Infant Program (PIP)**, empowers families as an unbiased guide to help the child reach their potential in language, social, emotional, and academic development. PIP services are free and available statewide.



- PIP will contact you** once they receive the referral from your audiologist
- Enroll in PIP services** as soon as possible to prevent delays
- Build your Team.** There are a lot of people to help your child along this journey. PIP will help you reach goals and developmental milestones for your child.

Other team members:

- Ophthalmologist (eye doctor).** Children with hearing loss are at higher risk for vision problems
- Genetics evaluation.** This can help find the cause of a hearing loss and if there are risks for other health problems
- Other medical specialists as needed