

YOUR BABY NEEDS ANOTHER HEARING TEST BY 9 MONTHS OF AGE

What Families Need to Know

Knowing your child's hearing level is key to language development

Your baby passed the newborn hearing screening. However, they will need to be tested again because they are at risk for hearing loss that can show up later. This means that even though their hearing level is okay today, there is an increased chance that their hearing can change in the future.

For more information about your baby's risk factor(s), review your child's *Newborn Hearing Screening Report Form* (it's a pink form with additional hearing information on the back).

Why Is This Important?

Your baby's communication and language development begins at birth. Children use sights and sounds to take in the world around them and learn how to communicate. It is important to have your baby's hearing retested **by 9 months of age** help them stay on track.

What Are Your Next Steps?



- Talk to your baby's doctor to schedule a diagnostic hearing test with an audiologist (a specialist in hearing testing).
- This is a safe and painless test to determine what your baby can and cannot hear.
- If you have any questions, or need help finding an audiologist, just give us a call or visit ehdipals.org.

Have Questions or Need Assistance?

Contact the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program at **504-599-1086** or email us at laehdi@la.gov. For more information, visit us online at ldh.la.gov/ehdi.

