

Baby's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

North Carolina's Hearing Health Care Map

Birth	Before 1 month	Before 3 months	Before 6 months																														
<p>Hospital: First Newborn Hearing Screen</p> <p>Date: ____/____/____</p> <p>Screen Results</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Left Ear</th> <th>Right Ear</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Did not Pass</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not Screened</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If your baby does not pass the hearing screen or was not screened, an outpatient hearing screen (rescreen) should be done within 2 weeks.</p> <p>Appt. Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ Place: _____</p> <p>Bring the hearing screen results to your first visit with your baby's doctor.</p>		Left Ear	Right Ear	Pass	[]	[]	Did not Pass	[]	[]	Not Screened	[]	[]	<p>Outpatient Hearing Screen (Rescreen)</p> <p>Date: ____/____/____</p> <p>Rescreen Results</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Left Ear</th> <th>Right Ear</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Pass</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Did not Pass</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If your baby does not pass the rescreen, in one or both ears, make an appointment with a pediatric audiologist (hearing specialist) who works with babies 6 months old or younger as soon as possible.</p> <p>Appt. Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ Place: _____</p> <p>Talk with your baby's doctor about the results and about scheduling the appointment with a pediatric audiologist before your baby turns 3 months old.</p>		Left Ear	Right Ear	Pass	[]	[]	Did not Pass	[]	[]	<p>Hearing Test done by a Pediatric Audiologist</p> <p>Date: ____/____/____</p> <p>Test Results</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Left Ear</th> <th>Right Ear</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Normal Hearing</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hearing Loss</td> <td>[]</td> <td>[]</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If your baby has a hearing loss, the next steps are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Referral to BEGINNINGS, NC Early Intervention (Part C) and the Early Learning Sensory Support Program for Children with Hearing Impairments <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation by an ENT (Ear, Nose and Throat) Doctor <p>Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ Dr. _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about hearing loss and communication options <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss the use of hearing aids and assistive listening devices with the pediatric audiologist <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about family support 		Left Ear	Right Ear	Normal Hearing	[]	[]	Hearing Loss	[]	[]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in Early Intervention programs (children who begin Early Intervention before 6 months of age can have age appropriate skills by preschool) <input type="checkbox"/> Regular visits with your Pediatric Audiologist <p>Evaluations to talk over with your baby's doctor and your pediatric audiologist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ophthalmologist (Eye Specialist) <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specialists (developmental, heart, kidney, nerve, etc.) <div style="background-color: #00a0e3; color: white; padding: 10px; text-align: center; border-radius: 10px;"> <p>Turn over for more information.</p> </div>
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If your baby passes the screen, rescreen or the hearing test, continue to look for hearing milestones as your baby grows.

Hearing Milestones

No one knows your baby better than you do. Look for these hearing milestones as your child begins to listen and speak. **Talk with your child's doctor if you have any concerns.**

Before **3** months

- Startles to loud sounds
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Coos and gurgles
- Cries differently for different needs

Before **6** months

- Moves eyes in direction of sounds
- Notices music and toys that make sound
- Makes different sounds when happy or upset
- Speech sounds like p, b and m are emerging

Why is hearing screening so important?

Your baby uses hearing to learn and talk. If a child can not hear speech clearly, they will have a hard time learning to say and understand words.

The only way to find a hearing loss early is by doing a newborn hearing screening. When hearing loss is found early, there are many ways parents and professionals can work together to help babies.

What should I do if my baby DID NOT PASS the outpatient hearing rescreen?

Most importantly, your baby needs to have more hearing testing (a diagnostic audiological evaluation) as soon as possible to see how much, if any, hearing loss your baby has.

Your baby's doctor should send you to a specially trained hearing professional (a pediatric audiologist) for this testing before your baby turns 3 months old.



What is a Pediatric Audiologist?

A pediatric audiologist is trained in using certain equipment and doing hearing tests on children of all ages. They should have experience testing babies younger than 6 months of age.

They mainly work with infants and children. If your child has a hearing loss, they will know the best devices that will help the child hear.

They work with families, educators and others so children with hearing loss can have the best possible development.

How do I find a Pediatric Audiologist in NC?

Call (919) 707-5635 or go to www.ncnewbornhearing.org to find a list of pediatric audiologists. Also, talk with your doctor about where to go for more testing.

A Few Helpful Resources

Learning About Hearing Loss and What You Can Do

Web:

www.ncbegin.org
www.babyhearing.org
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/facts.html
www.raisingdeafkids.org

BEGINNINGS for Parents of Children Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

Web: www.ncbegin.org
Email: raleigh@ncbegin.org
Phone: (800) 541-4327 (V/TTY)

NC's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program

Web: www.ncnewbornhearing.org
Email: ncnewbornhearing@dhhs.nc.gov
Phone: (919) 707-5635

Early Learning Sensory Support Program for Children with Hearing Impairments

Phone: (828) 781-4979

North Carolina Early Intervention Services (Infant-Toddler Program)

Web: www.beearly.nc.gov
Phone: (919) 707-5520



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