

A Newborn Hearing Screening Roadmap for Families Pennsylvania Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program



Child's name: _____

Child's date of birth: _____

Birth

Hospital or Home Birth

Date of first hearing screening: _____

First screening results

Left ear		Right ear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Did not pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not screened	<input type="checkbox"/>

Be sure that your doctor gets all of the test results for your baby!

If your baby does not pass the screening in one or both ears, or was not screened, ask your doctor about an outpatient screening for your baby.

The majority of children with hearing loss are born to parents who have normal hearing.

Children as young as 1 month of age can be fitted with hearing aids.

Some babies are born with normal hearing but lose their hearing when they are older.

Schedule a well-baby checkup with your health care provider when your baby is 2 to 4 days old.

Before 1 Month of Age

Outpatient Screening

Date of outpatient hearing screening: _____

Outpatient screening results

Left ear		Right ear
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Did not pass	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not screened	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your baby did not pass an outpatient or final screening, ask your doctor to schedule an appointment with a pediatric audiologist as soon as possible.



Before 3 Months of Age

Evaluation by a Pediatric Audiologist

Date of evaluation: _____

Audiology evaluation results

Left ear		Right ear
<input type="checkbox"/>	No hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing loss	<input type="checkbox"/>

If your baby has a hearing loss, the next steps are:

- ✓ Enroll in early intervention by calling the CONNECT Line at 1-800-692-7288.
- ✓ Enroll in the Guide By Your Side of Pennsylvania Program by calling 717-580-0839.
- ✓ Learn about communication options.
- ✓ Discuss the use of hearing aids and FM systems with your audiologist.
- ✓ Be sure that your doctor has the audiology test results.

Before 6 Months of Age

Other visits and testing can include:

- ✓ Seeing a pediatric ophthalmologist (eye doctor); an ears, nose and throat (ENT) doctor and a geneticist;
- ✓ Regular visits with your audiologist; and
- ✓ Visits to www.paearlyhearing.org; www.health.state.pa.us and www.hearandnow.org.

If you have questions or require additional information about services, please call the Pennsylvania Healthy Baby toll free line at 1-800-986-2229 or the Department of Health Newborn Hearing Screening Program at 717-783-8143.



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State Resources

Hands and Voices Guide By Your Side™ of Pennsylvania (GBYS) is dedicated to supporting families of infants and toddlers who are newly identified with hearing loss by offering them an opportunity to talk or meet face-to-face with a trained parent guide who can provide assistance using his or her personal experience and knowledge. For more information about this free service, call the GBYS program coordinator at 717-580-0839 or email agaspich@pattan.net

Pennsylvania Early Hearing Detection and Intervention website:
This website was developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and contains information for families who have young children that have not passed a hearing screening test or who have been diagnosed with hearing Loss: www.paearlyhearing.org

Early Intervention consists of services and supports for infants, toddlers and preschool children who have special needs due to developmental delays or disabilities, such as a hearing loss. Early intervention also provides support services to families that help them learn how to develop their child's potential. Call the CONNECT Helpline at 1-800-692-7288 (or go to www.connectpa.net) for information about early intervention services or if you have questions about your child's development and specific disabilities.

Pennsylvania Department of Health website:
www.health.pa.gov

If you have questions on newborn hearing screening, you can contact the Department of Health Newborn Screening follow-up nurses at 717-783-8143, toll free at 1-877-724-3258, or by email at nbhs@pa.gov

National Resources

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing:
www.agbell.org

American Society for Deaf Children: www.deafchildren.org

Boys Town National Research Hospital (information for parents):
www.babyhearing.org

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/

National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management:
www.infanthearing.org

Early Hearing Detection and Intervention - Pediatric Audiology Links to Services (EHDI-PALS) website. This website was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and has a directory of facilities that offer pediatric audiology services to children who are younger than 5 years of age: www.ehdi-pals.org