

Monitoring your baby's hearing after screening

You can get an idea of how well your baby can hear by watching how they respond to your voice and other sounds. Hearing is important for learning to speak and to understand spoken language. It's a good idea to monitor your baby's hearing as they grow.

Each baby is unique and will develop at their own pace. You know your baby best. If you're concerned about your baby's hearing, talk to your healthcare provider or call Health Link at 811.

How your baby uses their hearing as they grow

By 2 months your baby

- Is soothed and quiets to your voice
- Is startled by loud sounds
- Begins to make sounds like coos and goos

By 4 months your baby

- Starts to recognize familiar voices and other sounds
- Turns their head towards sounds
- Begins to babble and copy sounds they hear
- May stir or wake from sleep when someone talks or there's a sudden noise

By 6 months your baby

- Interacts more with people. Will look at people, things and sounds that interest them
- Babbles a lot; begins to imitate sounds and simple actions
- Starts making different sounds when they're happy or unhappy

By 12 months your baby

- Starts recognizing words and simple phrases like "no" and "bye-bye"
- Responds to their name
- Uses their voice to get your attention
- Continues to babble a lot; may start to use single words



Where can I get more information?

Learn more at primarycarealberta.ca/newbornhearingscreening or by calling Health Link 811.