

**MISSISSIPPI  
NEWBORN HEARING  
SCREENING PROGRAM**

**REFER**

While in the hospital nursery, your child's hearing was screened. Results of this test indicate the need for further evaluation. You should have received an appointment for follow-up.

No child is too young to be tested. It is generally recommended that this be done within a month after discharge from the hospital. If your baby does have a hearing loss, it is extremely important that the problem be detected early and that steps be taken as soon as possible to help your child learn to talk and listen.

The opposite side of this card describes the behavior of children with normal hearing. If you feel your child does not respond like a child with normal hearing, you should talk to your child's doctor or clinic about arranging for a hearing test with an audiologist as soon as possible.

For more information call: 1-800-451-3903

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**CAN YOUR BABY HEAR?**

<b>A CHILD WITH NORMAL HEARING:</b>	<b>AT</b>
Jump or blink when there is sudden loud sound. Stir or wake at loud sounds. Are quieted by a familiar voice.	<b>BIRTH TO 4 MONTHS</b>
Turn eyes or head towards an interesting sound or familiar voice. Enjoy rattles or other sound-making toys.	<b>4 TO 7 MONTHS</b>
Respond to name or other sounds even when not loud. Show some understanding of words such as "no" and "bye-bye."	<b>7 TO 12 MONTHS</b>
Follow simple directions or point to familiar objects when asked. Begin to say words during this year.	<b>12 TO 24 MONTHS</b>

For more information contact:

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Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

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