

Milestones

of Normal Hearing and Speech Development

Early identification and assessment are the first steps in helping a child with a hearing impairment.

0 - 4 Months

- Stops movement or quiets in response to speech.
- Startles to loud sounds.
- Moves eyes toward sound source.
- Arouses from light sleep to sudden loud noises.

4 - 7 Months

- Begins head turn toward sounds and voices out of sight (4 months) and turns head directly toward the sound source (7 months)
- Smiles in response to speech.
- Looks in response to own name.
- Babbling begins.

7 - 9 Months

- Turns to find a sound source out of sight.
- Gurgles or coos to sounds out of sight.
- Intonation patterns heard in speech.
- Comprehends "No."
- Babbles in multiple syllables.

9 - 12 Months

- Acquires first true word.
- Imitates sounds.
- Looks at a common object when named.
- Responds to music.
- Understands simple commands.

13 - 18 Months

- Uses sentence-like intonation.
- Perceives emotions of others.
- Uses 3 - 20 words.
- Uses all vowels and consonants in jargon.

19 - 24 Months

- Uses more words than jargon.
- Raises intonation at end of phrase to ask question.
- Comprehends about 300 words.
- Uses about 50 words.
- Produces animal sounds.
- Combines 2 words into phrases.
- Listens to simple stories.



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If you have a concern about the hearing or speech development in your infant,
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