



Iowa's Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program

Hearing Milestones Checklist

Birth to Three Months

- ✓ Reacts to loud sounds
- ✓ Is soothed by your voice
- ✓ Turns head to you when you speak
- ✓ Is awakened by loud voices and sounds
- ✓ Smiles when spoken to
- ✓ Appears to know your voice and calms down when crying

3 to 6 Months

- ✓ Looks upward or turns toward a new sound
- ✓ Responds to "no" and changes in tone of voice
- ✓ Imitates his/her own voice
- ✓ Enjoys rattles and other toys that make sounds
- ✓ Begins to repeat sounds (such as ooh, aah, and ba-ba)
- ✓ Becomes scared by loud noise

6 to 10 Months

- ✓ Responds to his/her own name, telephone ringing, someone's voice, even if it is not loud
- ✓ Knows words for common things (cup, shoe) and sayings ("bye-bye")
- ✓ Makes babbling sounds
- ✓ Starts to respond to requests ("come here")
- ✓ Looks at things or pictures when someone talks about them

10-15 Months

- ✓ Plays with own voice, enjoying the sound of it
- ✓ Points to or looks at familiar objects or people when asked to do so
- ✓ Imitates simple words and sounds
- ✓ Enjoys games like peek-a-boo

15-18 Months

- ✓ Follows simple directions ("give me the doll")
- ✓ Uses words he/she has learned often
- ✓ Knows 10-20 true words

18-24 Months

- ✓ Understands simple "yes-no" questions (are you wet?)
- ✓ Enjoys being read to
- ✓ Understands "not now" and "no more"
- ✓ Points to pictures when asked

24-36 Months

- ✓ Chooses things by size (big, little)
- ✓ When you name a part of the body-ears, nose, toes-baby points to it
- ✓ Understands many action words (run, jump)
- ✓ Understands simple phrases ("Mommy more!", "Go outside?")
- ✓ Uses 2-3 word sentences to talk about and ask for things