



Iowa's Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program

Hearing 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
- Uses 2-3 word sentences to talk about and ask for things
- 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?")