

Checklist: Does my child hear?

Introduction

Many times parents of students in your class may have a new child and express concerns about development. One of the concerns most often expressed may involve hearing. Sometimes parents are concerned because they may not be responsive to noises or sounds. Before any further diagnosis is considered the child's hearing should always be checked first. This parent conference handout will provide you with a checklist for any parent concerned about this issue.

Birth to 3 months

- reacts to loud sounds, *baby startles, blinks, stops sucking, cries or wakes up*
- Makes soft sounds when awake
- Quiets to familiar voices or sounds

3 months to 6 months

- Turns eyes or head toward sounds
- Starts to make speech like sounds
- Reacts to a change in your tone of voice

6 months to 9 months

- Understands simple words, *no, bye-bye*
- Babbles
- Responds to own name and looks when called

9 months to 12 months

- Responds to both soft or loud sounds
- Repeats single words and imitates animal sounds
- Points to favorite toys or foods when asked

12 months to 18 months

- Uses 10 or more words
- Follows simple spoken directions - get the ball
- Points to people body parts or toys when asked
- Bounces to music

18 months to 24 months

- Uses 20 or more words
- Combines 2 or more words - more juice - what's that?
- Uses many different consonant sounds
- Listen to simple stories and songs

2 years to 3 years

- Uses 2-3 word sentences
- At 2 years people can understand what the child says some of the time.
- At 3 years, people can understand what the child says most of the time
- Follows two-step instructions

If you have concerns regarding your child's hearing or speech developments, contact your child's physician or health care provider.

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