



Observe your child's development from infancy on. The following are age appropriate behaviors for infants and toddlers. Does your baby...

Birth to 4 months:

- 1. Awaken or stir at loud sounds?*
- 2. Startle at loud noises?*
- 3. Calm at the sound of a familiar voice?*
- 4. Respond to your voice (smiles or coos)?*

4 to 9 months:

- 1. Turn eyes toward source of familiar sounds?*
- 2. Smile when spoken to?*
- 3. Notice rattles and other sound-making toys?*
- 4. Cry differently for different needs?*
- 5. Make babbling sounds?*
- 6. Seem to understand simple word/hand motions such as "bye-bye" with a wave?*

9 to 15 months:

- 1. Babble a lot of different sounds?*
- 2. Respond to his/her name?*
- 3. Respond to changes in your tone of voice?*
- 4. Say "ma-ma" or "da-da"?*
- 5. Understand simple requests?*

6. *Repeat some sounds you make?*
7. *Use his/her voice to attract attention?*

15-24 months:

1. *Point to familiar objects when they are named?*
2. *Listen to stories, songs and rhymes?*
3. *Follow simple commands?*
4. *Use several different words?*
5. *Point to body parts when asked?*
6. *Name common objects?*
7. *Put two or more words together?*

Preschool & Older:

1. *Turn up the volume of the TV excessively high?*
2. *Respond inappropriately to questions?*
3. *Not reply when you call him/her?*
4. *Watch others to imitate what they are doing?*
5. *Have articulation problems or speech/language delays?*
6. *Have problems academically?*
7. *Complain of earaches, ear pain or head noises?*
8. *Have difficulty understanding what people are saying?*
9. *Seem to speak differently from other children his or her age?*

While these signs don't necessarily mean that your child has a hearing problem, they could be indicators of one.

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, or if you suspect your child may have difficulty hearing, **contact us to schedule a hearing evaluation for your child.**