

Parents may be the first to suspect a possible hearing loss in their child.

Below is a list of [milestones for a child's auditory development:](#)

**Birth to 3
Months of Age:**

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden, loud noise
- When spoken to, quiets or smiles
- Makes sounds like “ohh” and “ahh”

**3 to 6
Months of Age:**

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Appears to listen
- Awakes easily to sounds
- Uses many sounds, squeals and chuckles

**6 to 9
Months of Age:**

- Turns head towards soft and loud sounds
- Understands “no-no” and “bye-bye”
- Begins to imitate speech sounds

**9 to 12
Months of Age:**

- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Says first words such as “ma-ma” or “da-da”
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

If you are concerned about your child's hearing, DO NOT DELAY in getting help! If you have any questions about your child's hearing, please contact your child's physician and/or the Wyoming EHDI Program at **307-721-6212**. You can also email us at nanpajak@aol.com.



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WYOMING PEDIATRIC AUDIOLOGY SPECIALTY CLINIC

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Early identification and intervention for hearing loss in infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is **critical**. The first three years of life are **vital** to the typical development of a child's speech, language, cognitive and social-emotional skills.

What is the Wyoming Pediatric Audiology Specialty Clinic?

The Wyoming Pediatric Audiology Specialty Clinic provides age appropriate and timely evaluation for infants and young children who fail their newborn and/or late onset hearing screenings.

The Specialty Clinic provides families with an opportunity to work with a pediatric audiologist, speech language pathologist, teacher of the deaf, educational audiologist, family life educator and a parent advocate. This team of professionals is available to provide audiological testing, evaluate speech/language development, review test results and recommendations, answer questions and provide ongoing support to families.

What is a pediatric diagnostic hearing evaluation?

A pediatric diagnostic hearing evaluation is a way to find out what your child hears. The evaluation includes many different tests. The results will give a complete picture of your child's hearing.

Because many different tests are done, a pediatric diagnostic hearing evaluation may take up to several hours to complete and it is **very possible** that you may need to return for a second visit.

Why does my child need a diagnostic hearing evaluation?

If your child failed his/her newborn or late onset hearing **screening**, they will be referred for a diagnostic hearing **evaluation**. Hearing plays a vital role in the early development of a child. If even the slightest hearing loss exists, it is important to diagnose it early in order to help your child develop to his/her fullest potential.



What will happen after the hearing evaluation?

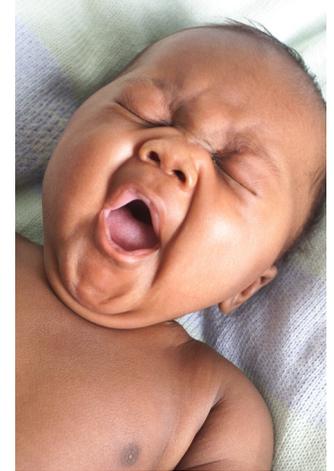
You will be informed of the results of your child's hearing evaluation as soon as it is completed. You will also receive a written report in the mail. If a hearing loss is detected, you will be referred to a free early intervention program in your community. You may also need to schedule appointments for additional testing or hearing aid fittings, if recommended.

How do I prepare my child for the diagnostic hearing evaluation?

For some of the hearing tests, your newborn may need to be sleeping. If your newborn is not sleeping, some important test results may not be able to be obtained.

These suggestions may help you prepare your newborn to rest conformably during the evaluation.

- Try not to let your newborn nap before the appointment.
- Feeding your newborn just before testing may help to get him/her to sleep. You may even do this once you arrive at the testing appointment.
- Bring a blanket, extra diapers, change of clothes and extra formula (if used).
- You can try to schedule your newborn's appointment for a time when he/she is likely to sleep.



Older infants and toddlers should be awake and alert for their hearing evaluation. Sometimes a snack beforehand is helpful so they do not get hungry during their appointment. It is also helpful if they are feeling well and rested.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the services offered by the Wyoming Pediatric Audiology Specialty Clinic, or if you would like to schedule a diagnostic hearing evaluation appointment for your child.

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