

Wyoming Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Program (EHDI)

**Questions parents may wish to ask the audiologist **BEFORE** making a hearing evaluation appointment for their infant or toddler:**

1. What kind of training and experience does the audiologist have in conducting appropriate hearing evaluations for infants and toddlers?

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2. What age groups of children and how many children in these age groups has the audiologist worked with in the past year?

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3. What kind of training and experience does the audiologist have in fitting hearing aids for infants and toddlers?

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4. As recommended by the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing (JCIH), do you have equipment needed to do:

- a. Click ABR \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Tone Burst ABR \_\_\_\_\_
- c. High Frequency Immittance with acoustic reflexes \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Otoacoustic Emission (OAE) \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Bone Conduction Click ABR \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Visual Reinforcement (air conduction and bone conduction) to obtain ear specific information \_\_\_\_\_

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5. If my child needs to be sedated in order to complete the evaluation, is it available at your clinic?

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6. Will the audiologist who does the hearing evaluation provide me and my primary health care provider with a written report of the findings in a timely manner?

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Appointment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions parents may wish to ask the audiologist **AFTER** their child's hearing evaluation is complete:

1. Does my child have hearing loss?

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2. If yes, how much hearing loss does my child have? Please explain the terms: sensorineural, conductive, mixed, mild, moderate, severe, profound, auditory neuropathy.

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3. Is the hearing loss permanent?

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4. Does my child need more hearing testing done?

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5. Can you tell if my child's hearing loss will get worse or change?

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6. Do both ears have the same hearing loss?

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7. How will the hearing loss affect my child's speech and language development?

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8. Where can I get my child's speech and language development assessed?

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9. What could have caused my child's hearing loss?

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10. Can my child hear my voice without a hearing aid?

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11. Can my child hear my voice with a hearing aid?

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**If appropriate, questions about hearing aids and cochlear implants:**

1. Does my child need a hearing aid? What are my choices?

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2. Should he/she have a hearing aid in both ears?

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3. How much do hearing aids cost?

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4. Can I get help to pay for the hearing aids?

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5. Can you help me contact a program that can lend me hearing aids?

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6. What will my child hear with the hearing aids?

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7. When should my child wear the hearing aids?

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8. How often will my child need new hearing aids or parts?

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9. What are the parts of a hearing aid that may need to be replaced?

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10. What should I do if my child does not want to wear the hearing aids?

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11. With my child's hearing loss, should I consider a cochlear implant?

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12. Where can I go for more information regarding cochlear implants?

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## Other questions about hearing loss:

1. How do I describe the results of these hearing tests to family members?

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2. What are some tips for working with my child at home?

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3. Are there other resources you think I would benefit from knowing about?

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## Other individuals working with my child and our family:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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