

## Do you have questions about your child's ability to hear?

Know whether your baby passed the newborn hearing screening. If your baby did not pass or the results were inconclusive, talk to your doctor about rescheduling a hearing screening.

If your baby fails the hearing screening, then further testing is required.

Signs your baby is hearing:

- ♥ As a newborn, responds to noise by eye blinks, startles, or changes in movements or respirations.
- ♥ Responds specifically to your voice – becomes excited when hearing a parent's voice versus a stranger.
- ♥ Responds to noises when the source is out of sight: door bell ringing, ambulance going down the street, etc.

If your child has a history of chronic ear infections and/or fluid in the ears, hearing may be affected. This may affect your child's ability to develop communication and early literacy or early reading skills: the understanding of language and talking. Please talk to your doctor about having your baby's hearing checked.

If your child has a diagnosed hearing loss or is deaf, please contact us. There are Teachers of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and educational audiologists that are available to work with you and your family.

## Questions about your child's vision?

- ♥ Does your baby recognize you, reacting differently to you than to the sight of other people?
- ♥ Does your baby seem to recognize common objects by sight? Anticipates feeding when s/he sees a spoon?
- ♥ Does your baby respond to your facial expressions?
- ♥ Is your baby able to "track" objects? For example, when your baby is laying on her/his back, hold a bright toy about 18 inches from your baby's face. Once your baby focuses on the toy, slowly move it in all directions and watch if your baby eyes follow the toy.

If you have any concerns about your baby's vision, talk to your family physician.

If your child has a diagnosed vision impairment, your child may be eligible for services from a Teacher of the Vision Impaired/Blind. Please contact us to access this service.