

# Is your baby “At-Risk” for Hearing Loss?



## Your baby may be at risk for hearing loss if:

- There is a concern about your baby’s hearing, speech, language or development for any reason
- Your family has a history of children with hearing loss
- Your baby spent more than 5 days in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or had complications while in the NICU (*Check with your health care professional*)
- Your baby experienced a lack of oxygen after birth
- Your baby needed a machine to help him/her breathe
- Your baby was given medications that might hurt hearing (*Ask your health care provider*)
- Your baby needed a special procedure (blood transfusion) to treat severe jaundice (hyperbilirubinemia)
- Your baby was exposed to infection before birth
- Your baby has head, face or ears shaped or formed in a different way than usual
- Your baby has a condition (neurological disorder) that is associated with hearing loss (*Check with your health care professional*)
- Your baby had an infection around the brain and spinal cord called meningitis
- Your baby received a bad injury to the head especially if a hospital stay was required
- Your baby was given medication for cancer chemotherapy

**Source:** 2007 JCIH Position Statement: Principles and Guidelines for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programs. Joint Committee on Infant Hearing.

## Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS)

**Call 565-2961 extension 5776**

**For more information and to schedule your baby’s  
FREE Well-Baby Hearing Check-Up!**

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