Milestones of Normal Hearing and Speech Development

If you have any concern about your infant’s hearing or speech development, early assessment is the first step in identifying and helping a child with hearing loss.

**0 - 4 Months**
- Stops movement or quiets in response to speech.
- Startles to loud sounds.
- Moves eyes toward sound source.
- Arouses from light sleep to sudden loud noises.

**4 - 7 Months**
- Begins head turn toward sounds and voices out of sight (4 months) and turns head directly toward the sound source (7 months)
- Smiles in response to speech.
- Looks in response to own name.
- Babbling begins.

**7 - 9 Months**
- Turns to find a sound source out of sight.
- Gurgles or coos to sounds out of sight.
- Uses intonation patterns heard in speech.
- Comprehends "No."
- Babbles in multiple syllables.

**9 - 12 Months**
- Acquires first true word.
- Imitates sounds.
- Looks at a common object when named.
- Responds to music.
- Understands simple commands.

**13 - 18 Months**
- Uses sentence-like intonation.
- Perceives emotions of others.
- Uses 3 - 20 words.
- Uses all vowels and consonants in jargon.

**19 - 24 Months**
- Uses more words than just jargon.
- Raises intonation at end of phrase to ask question.
- Comprehends about 300 words.
- Uses about 50 words.
- Produces animal sounds.
- Combines 2 words into phrases.
- Listens to simple stories.

Source: [http://www.hslc.org/News/Audiology/riskfactors.htm](http://www.hslc.org/News/Audiology/riskfactors.htm)

If you have a concern about the hearing or speech development of your infant, call the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Project (Guam EHDI) at 735-2466 or visit our website at www.guamehdi.com

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