

# The Foundation for Hearing and Speech Resources Promotes Early Intervention for Children's Hearing Health

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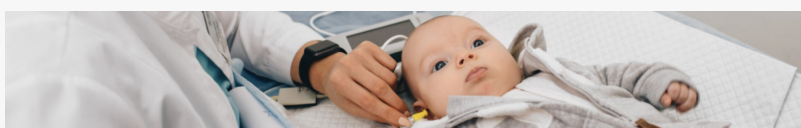
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Hearing is an essential component of a child's overall well-being and plays a pivotal role in their language and cognitive development. Studies have shown that early identification and intervention for hearing issues can significantly improve a child's quality of life and future prospects. By taking this important step within the first month of life, parents can provide their children with the best possible start.

FHSR's initiative, the 1 3 6 Campaign, aims to raise awareness about the importance of early intervention and the profound impact it can have on a child's future development. For the 10% of babies who do not pass their second hearing screening, follow-up and action is the key to lifelong results.



**AFTER A BABY'S FAILED HEARING SCREENING**  
Take the first step to start your baby's hearing journey

**FIND A HOSPITAL NEARBY**  
Pick a Hospital Nearby from [FHSR.org/1-3-6](https://www.fhsr.org/1-3-6). Schedule a Follow-up Hearing Exam.

**BOOK AN APPOINTMENT AND GO**  
Your 1st appointment is the BEST thing you can do for your family, your baby, and yourself.

**GREAT JOB! YOU'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP**  
You're not alone in your baby's hearing health. [FHSR.ORG/1-3-6](https://www.fhsr.org/1-3-6) is here to help you.

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FHSR: Next Steps after a Failed Newborn Hearing Screening

“FHSR emphasizes that the first month of a child's life is a critical window of opportunity for identifying and addressing hearing issues. Hearing problems that go undetected or untreated for an extended period of time may lead to delayed speech and language development, academic difficulties, and social challenges later in life,” said FHSR Executive Director Kristen Van Dyke.

To support parents and caregivers, the Foundation for Speech and Hearing Resources offers the following guidance to take the first step if your baby failed their newborn hearing screening:

1. Find a Hospital Near You. (Visit [FHSR.org/136](http://FHSR.org/136) for a helpful map.)
2. Schedule an Audiologist Appointment and Go: Parents are encouraged to schedule a hearing assessment with a qualified audiologist within the first month of their child's life.
3. Great Job! You've Taken the First Step and have opened doors for your child's hearing health journey.

Other Tips:

1. Be Observant: Parents should be vigilant for signs of hearing issues in their newborns, such as not responding to loud sounds, failing to startle at sudden noises, or showing delayed speech and language development milestones.
2. Seek Support: If a hearing issue is identified, parents should seek guidance and support from healthcare professionals, audiologists, and speech therapists.

### Early Hearing Detection and Intervention

A Roadmap\* for Families through Screening, Diagnosis and Intervention  
*\*Based on EHDI's research from 2021*

Checkup with Healthcare Provider within 2-4 Days → 1 month

1

Month

**Screen no later than 1 month of age**

Newborns should receive a hearing screening before 1 month of age.

→ 2 months → 3 months →

**Diagnose no later than 3 months of age**

Infants who may be deaf or hard of hearing should have a complete hearing evaluation before 3 months of age.

3

Months

4 months → 6 months

6

Months

**Early Intervention by 6 months of age**

Infants identified as deaf or hard of hearing should receive critical services before 6 months of age.



visit: [fhsr.org/1-3-6](http://fhsr.org/1-3-6)

Recommended Roadmap. Studies show that babies who are deaf or hard of hearing have the best chance for language development when interventions begin by 6 months of age.







FHSR is your resource for programs supporting children and young adults with hearing loss in Illinois.

**Let us help your child thrive**

**Programming**  
Education. Advocacy. Resources  
Clinical & Community Outreach  
Music To My Ears

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**Hearing loss?**

Follow up for your child's future

**Time is of the essence**

- 1 month: **Screen**
- 3 months: **Diagnose**
- 6 months: **Intervention**

*Be your child's advocate on their hearing health journey.*

Statistically, Illinois diagnoses 2 - 3 infants per 1,000 with atypical hearing at birth.

Early identification of pediatric hearing loss will place them on a road to success.

- Early detection**
- Early intervention**
- Life-long results**

We are your resource.



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FHSR has partnered with Illinois Early Hearing Detection & Intervention to help you understand the process and what to expect in the first 6 months of your baby's life, if they have any hearing loss.

3. Point the Parents in the Right Direction: For anyone who works with newborns, if you notice a newborn struggling to hear, point the parents towards [FHSR.org/136](https://www.fhsr.org/136), as a helpful resource. They are not alone.

The Foundation for Hearing and Speech Resources is dedicated to providing resources, education, and support to parents and caregivers, to ensure that every child has the opportunity for optimal hearing health.

"We believe that every child deserves the best start in life, and that includes ensuring their hearing health is at its best from the very beginning," adds Kristen Van Dyke. "By booking a follow-up appointment with a pediatric audiologist if the baby did not pass their newborn hearing screening in their first month, parents are taking a proactive step that can have a lifelong impact. We are committed to supporting parents in this journey and providing them with the resources they need to make informed decisions about their child's hearing health."

For more information about the Foundation for Hearing and Speech Resources and its initiatives, please visit [FHSR.org](https://www.fhsr.org), contact [Kjvandyke@fhsr.org](mailto:Kjvandyke@fhsr.org), or follow us on Facebook or Instagram [@fhsr.chicago](https://www.instagram.com/fhsr.chicago).

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About the Foundation for Hearing and Speech Resources:

The Foundation for Hearing and Speech Resources is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness, education, and resources related to speech and hearing health in children. Through advocacy, research, and support, the foundation aims to ensure that every child has the opportunity to develop strong communication skills and reach their full potential.

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