



HEARING LOSS & IMPAIRMENTS

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS IN INFANTS

- Does not startle at loud noises
- Will turn their head when they see you but not when called
- May seem to hear some sounds but not others
- Non-verbal by 1 year of age (Ex. Does not say "mama" or "papa")

Babies and children should reach milestones in how they play, learn and communicate and act. A delay in any of these milestones could be a sign of hearing issues



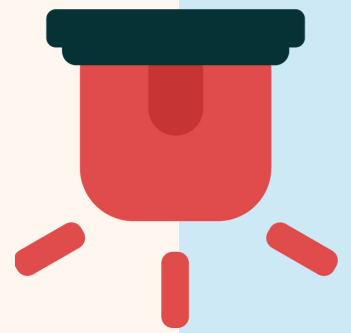
SIGNS & SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN



- Speech may be delayed and not clear
- Often says "huh" and turns volume up too loud
- Does not follow directions
- May become easily frustrated or appear to act out

MAKING THEIR SPACE ACCESSIBLE

- Reduce background noise
- Talk about and celebrate differences
 - Watch tv or read books that have characters with hearing impairments
 - Put hearing aids on toys to increase child's self-esteem
- Alarms should have a light to alert child (ex. Fire alarm)
- Use closed captioning (subtitles)



CLASSROOM TIPS



- Follow the child's goals and strategies document
 - Ex. Using a microphone, moving the child closer to the front of the class
- Make eye contact and face the child when speaking
- Consider learning basic sign language for 'washroom', 'hungry', or 'help'
- Use visual aids to communicate with each other
 - Ex. Pointing to picture of food for 'hungry'

HEARING AIDS & COCHLEAR IMPLANT

DO: Take the hearing aid out when doing water-based activities like swimming or showering

DO: Make sure cochlear implant is working properly

DO: Teach the child to let you know if they are not able to hear properly

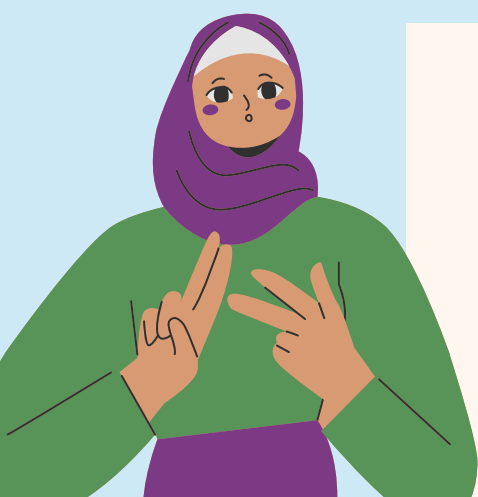
TIP!

If the child keeps taking them out - try removing them for 5-10 minutes and when it is time to put them back in, pair it with an activity they like

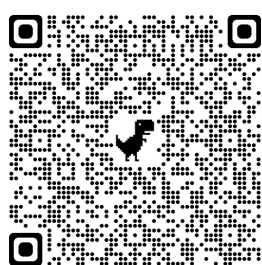


SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL)

- Involves gesturing with hands, fingers and facial expressions to communicate
- Hearing impaired children who learn ASL from birth reach the same language milestones as hearing children
- Not every child with a hearing impairment will understand ASL
- Learning both verbal language and ASL can benefit the child



NEED MORE HELP?



SUCCESS FOR KIDS WITH HEARING LOSS

e-mail: questions@success4kidswhl.com

website: <https://successforkidswithhearingloss.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Welcoming-the-child-with-hearing-loss-into-child-care.pdf>



OHIP - ASSISTIVE DEVICES PROGRAM (ADP)

phone: 1-800-268-6021

e-mail: adp@ontario.ca

website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/hearing-devices>

address: 7th Floor, 5700 Yonge Street. Toronto, Ontario.



HOLLAND BLOORVIEW KIDS HOSPITAL - FUNDING SERVICES & SUPPORT

HB Info Line (live support, M-F 9-5): 416-400-8876

address: 150 Kilgour Rd, East York, ON M4G 1R8

website: https://hollandbloorview.ca/sites/default/files/2021-01/2021-01%20Funding%20and%20Financial%20Supports%20Guide_0.pdf



SURREY PLACE - INFANT HEARING PROGRAM

phone (24/7): 1-833-575-KIDS (5437)

e-mail: childrens.registration@surreyplace.ca.

find a location near you: <https://www.surreyplace.ca/visit-us/>

website: <https://www.surreyplace.ca/services/infant-hearing-program/>



CANADIAN HEARING SERVICES - FREE, ONLINE HEARING TEST (3 MINS.)

phone: 1-866-518-0000

e-mail: info@chs.ca

website: <https://hearing-screener.beyondhearing.org/l4tqNn>

address: 271 Spadina Road, Toronto, ON.



CANADIAN HEARING SERVICES - FREE, EMERGENCY INTERPRETING SERVICE (24/7)

ASL-English and LSQ-French

phone: 1-866-518-0000

text: 416-712-6637 (charges may apply)

e-mail: urgent@chs.ca

find a location near you: <https://www.chs.ca/contact-us/chs-office-locations>



VOICE & CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY - MENTAL HEALTH GUIDE

To assist families and educators in supporting the mental health and developing social skills of children and youth with hearing loss

website: <https://www.voicefordeafkids.com/resources>



HANDSPEAK - ONLINE SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY AND TUTORIALS

A popular go-to sign language and Deaf culture online resource for learners, parents, and professionals across North America for language learning, practice and self-study.

website: <https://www.handspeak.com/>



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