

Don't Delay! Refer Right Away!

The Tennessee Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) program works to ensure that babies who are deaf or hard of hearing receive timely diagnosis and intervention services.

For Tennessee babies who **failed** the newborn hearing screening in 2019:

1 in **13** **Confirmed** to have **hearing loss** via diagnostic testing

25% **Late** to **diagnosis** (older than three months of age)

22% **No** documented **follow-up** testing (Lost to Follow Up)

Medical Home – We CANNOT do it without you!

Let's work together to identify every baby who is deaf or hard of hearing and provide the critical services needed without delay.

By **1** Month

Refer or rescreen well babies that failed the hospital hearing screening. Refer or screen well babies who were not tested at birth. Rescreen both ears, not only the ear that failed. Immediately refer NICU babies that failed the hospital hearing screening or were not screened for diagnostic testing by a pediatric audiologist.

By **3** Months

Refer babies that fail rescreening as soon as possible – diagnostic testing by a qualified pediatric audiologist via click and frequency-specific Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) testing should be completed with confirmation of hearing status by 3 months of age.

By **6** Months

For babies with confirmed hearing loss, ensure referrals have been made to Early Intervention Services and other medical specialties as indicated (Otolaryngology, Genetics, Ophthalmology, etc.) and monitor communication and development milestones of all babies.



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