

Red Flags of Possible Hearing Loss in Young Children

Listening Behaviors

- ❑ Few or inconsistent responses to sounds
- ❑ Does not seem to listen
- ❑ Does not respond to caregivers calling his/her name
- ❑ Shows a preference for certain types of sounds (high or low frequencies)
- ❑ Few or inconsistent responses to environmental sounds (TV, radio, door bell)
- ❑ Does not respond to sound toys

Appearance of the face or ear

- ❑ Cleft lip and palate
- ❑ Malformations of the ears including lack of opening at ear canal (atresia)
- ❑ Hole in the ear drum
- ❑ Frequent earaches or ear infections
- ❑ Fluid from the middle ear (otitis media)
- ❑ Specific syndromes which cause hearing loss (CHARGE, Treacher-Collins, etc.)

Vocal Development

- ❑ Limited vocalizations
- ❑ Shows a delay in language development
- ❑ Has abnormalities in voice, intonation, or articulation
- ❑ Has stopped babbling or does not babble
- ❑ Does not imitate different speech sounds

Other Behaviors

- ❑ Pulls on ears or puts hand over ears
- ❑ Turns head to one side
- ❑ Breathes through mouth