

# WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BABY'S HEARING?

Did you know that babies born on Guam receive an initial hearing screening before they leave the birthing sites? Hearing screening helps identify babies who are at risk for hearing loss.

## HEARING SCREENING PROCESS

### Hearing Screening

Before a baby leaves the hospital or birthing center, a hearing screener will test the baby's ear by placing a tiny microphone in each ear that plays sounds. This checks how a baby's ear and brain responds to sounds.

### Outpatient Hearing Screening

This is the second hearing screening a baby will have if the baby does not pass the Newborn Hearing Screening.

### Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation

This is the third test the baby will have if the baby does not pass the Outpatient Hearing Screening. This test is done by an audiologist who can determine if there is a hearing loss.

## 1-3-6 PLAN



**1 MONTH**  
Newborn Hearing Screening and Outpatient Hearing Screening if Needed



**3 MONTHS**  
Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation



**6 MONTHS**  
Enrollment in Early Intervention Services for Infants with a Hearing Loss

## FOLLOW-UP

**1** All hearing results should be shared with your baby's Pediatrician or Primary Care Physician.

**2** Babies who do not pass the outpatient hearing screening should receive a referral to an audiologist to test for hearing loss before 3 months of age.

**3** If your baby has a hearing loss, the audiologist will refer your child to Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS), before your baby is 6 months old.

**4** The audiologist and GEIS will refer parents to Guam's Positive Parents Together (GPPT) once a baby is diagnosed with a hearing loss. GPPT provides a Parent Support Group for parents with children identified with a hearing loss.

### Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDI)

735-2466

<https://www.guamehdi.org/>

### Guam Department of Education Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS)

300-5816/5776

<https://gdoe.net/District/Department/3-Guam-Early-Intervention-Services>



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