



# Sound Beginnings

Illinois Newborn Hearing Program

## HEARING DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

### BIRTH TO 3 MONTHS

- recognizes and quiets to parent's voice
- startles to loud sounds

### 3 TO 6 MONTHS

- awakens to sounds or speech
- turns towards interesting sounds

### 6 to 12 MONTHS

- understands first words such as "Da-Da," and "Ma-Ma"
- responds to his or her name
- enjoys sounds from rattles and similar toys
- coos to music

### 12 to 18 MONTHS

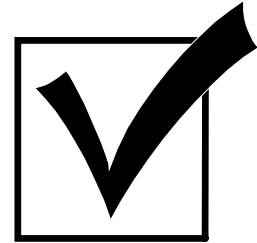
- says first words such as "Da-Da," and "Ma-Ma"
- responds to names of favorite toys by pointing to them when asked
- responds to sounds coming from far away

### 18 to 24 MONTHS

- has a vocabulary of approximately 20 words
- speaks two word phrases
- understands simple "yes" and "no" questions
- refers to self by name
- follows simple directions

### 24 MONTHS to 3 YEARS

- has a vocabulary of approximately 270 words by 24 months, 1000 words by 3 years
- wants to speak to communicate needs, wants and experiences
- speaks simple sentences
- recognizes different sounds
- understands most of what is said to him or her



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