

Hearing and speech milestones checklist

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Communication 9 months

- Gesturing e.g. pointing, waving, showing.
- Using 2-part babble e.g. mama, dada, gaga.

Communication 12 months

- Babbles phrases that sound like talking.
- Responds to familiar words e.g. puppy, mummy.

Communication 18 months

- Clear words spoken.
- Understands short requests e.g. where is the ball?

Communication 2 years

- Learning new words
- Puts words together e.g. push car.

Communication 3 years

- Familiar people understand child's speech.
- Uses simple sentences e.g. big car go.

Communication 4 years

- Speech easy to understand.
- Able to follow 2 step directions e.g. get the ball and give it to me .

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Hearing screening can establish if your child has sufficient hearing for speech and language development or for learning in the classroom. Hearing screening is not a diagnostic assessment.

The Community Hearing Screening Clinic involves a hearing screening performed by an Allied Health Assistant and has oversight by an Audiologist.

Community Hearing Screening Clinics accept parent referrals, clinician referrals and GP referrals. The clinics are run at Community Health Centres making it easier for families and carers to access our service in a timely manner.

Who is this Service for?

Our clinic offers free hearing screening for children and young people aged from 9 months – 16 years.

Your child is eligible for hearing screening if you:

- Have concerns regarding your child's listening, talking or understanding.
- They have not had a hearing screening or test within the past 12 months.
- Lives within the catchment areas

Can I book an appointment for my child?

Parents / Guardians can make an appointment over the phone or online if you are concerned about your child's:

- Speech and language development
- Pronunciation or speech clarity
- Hearing
- Learning and behaviours
- Require a hearing screening as part of developmental / behavioural assessments.

What to bring to your first appointment

Please bring your child's Medicare card.

We do not need your child's personal health record (red book) for this appointment.



What will happen at the appointment?

If your child is over 3.5 years:

The appointment will take approximately 20-30 minutes. An Allied Health Assistant will screen the different parts of the hearing system. They will put a soft plug in your child's ear to check the middle ear. Headphones will also be worn to screen your child's hearing. If you are able to practice this at home, it will help to make the appointment less stressful for your child.

If your child is unable to complete the screen, we may decide to stop the appointment and bring your child back on another day to try again.

If your child is under 3.5 years:

The appointment will take approximately 20-30 minutes. An Allied Health Assistant will screen the different parts of the hearing system. They will put a soft plug in your child's ear to check the middle ear, so it is often good to prepare them for this. The hearing screen will be performed by putting another plug in the ear and playing a sound to the inner ear. This screening test relies on your child being still and quiet for a minute or two in each ear. The Allied Health Assistant will have some toys to distract your child, but we recommend you bring their own comfort toys or a bottle if they have one. It is also possible to get results while breastfeeding.

If your child is unable to complete the screen, we may decide to stop the appointment and bring your child back on another day to try again.