

# ***MAY IS BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH!***



**The Maryland Infant Hearing Program promotes identification of hearing loss at the earliest age possible.**

**Newborns should receive their first hearing screening by 1 month.**

**Hearing loss should be identified or ruled out by 3 months.**

**If a hearing loss is identified, early intervention services should begin by 6 months.**

All Maryland birth hospitals provide hearing screenings to newborns.

If you have concerns about your baby's hearing, please contact the Maryland Infant Hearing Program for assistance at 1-800-633-1316 or visit [http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/genetics/SitePages/Infant\\_Hearing\\_Program.aspx](http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/genetics/SitePages/Infant_Hearing_Program.aspx).



To locate hearing screening and evaluation facilities in your area, visit [ehdipals.org](http://ehdipals.org).

If you are the parent of a baby or young child who has a recent diagnosis of hearing loss, parent to parent mentors are available to you. Contact the Maryland Parent Connections Program at 410-768-0830.



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