



Idaho Educational Services  
for the Deaf and the Blind

## Red Flags for Hearing Loss

IESDB Educational Specialists begin serving children from birth through three years and participate as a member of an Infant-Toddler Coaching Team. IESDB does not bill or charge for services. Educational Specialists are a part of the child's transition team into preschool and continue to serve students through graduation. To qualify for services, the first requirement is a current copy of newborn hearing screening or audiologic evaluation report from an audiologist.

Red flags that may signal a need for input from an Educational Specialist and an appointment for a hearing evaluation:

- Failure of Newborn Hearing Screen
- Congenital Hearing Loss (At Birth)
- Acquired Hearing Loss (After Birth)

For more information on causes of hearing loss, go to:  
<http://www.asha.org/public/hearing/Causes-of-Hearing-Loss/>

Other alerts to a possible hearing loss:

- Doesn't startle at noises or loud sounds
- Not responding or turning head toward sounds
- Doesn't babble or produce vocal sounds
- Delays in developing speech or has unclear speech
- Difficulty in localizing sounds in environment
- Difficulty in following directions
- Delays in expressive and receptive skills
- Medical issues (chronic ear infections/fluid buildup)
- Behavior problem (acts out)

For more information, please contact your regional  
IESDB Educational Specialist for the deaf and hard of hearing  
or

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