

Hands & Voices, NM

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What should you know about late-identified hearing loss?

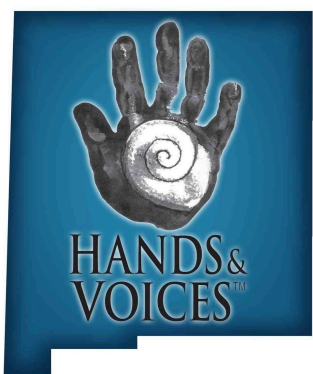
Late-identified hearing loss is on the rise due to the COVID-19 shutdown. Many “non-essential” medical services were temporarily suspended or delayed for extended periods of time in 2020 and 2021. One of these suspended services, in many hospitals, was the universal newborn hearing screening program.

The Joint Committee on Infant Hearing proposes a 1-3-6 guideline for assessing babies’ hearing. Per this guideline, infants should have their hearing screened by one month of age, have permanent hearing loss diagnosed by three months of age, and be enrolled in early intervention with appropriate amplification by six months of age. This best-practice recommendation has been shown to improve language outcomes for infants with a hearing difference. It also provides families with support and education on language modalities in a timely fashion.

What should we look out for in regards to hearing? Young children and infants should have their hearing assessed if:

- They did not have a newborn hearing screening
- There is family history of childhood hearing loss
- They are not meeting auditory milestones (responding to their name, turning towards sounds)
- They are not meeting speech and language milestones
- They have recurrent ear infections
- There are regressions in any milestones that were previously met

If any of these bullet points resonate with you and your child, ask your child’s pediatrician for a referral to a pediatric audiologist.



“What works for your child is what makes the choice right!”



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Upcoming Events

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HVNM Events:

July 22nd, 2023 Chill with us @ Chill Zone
August: Family Fun Event (check Facebook)

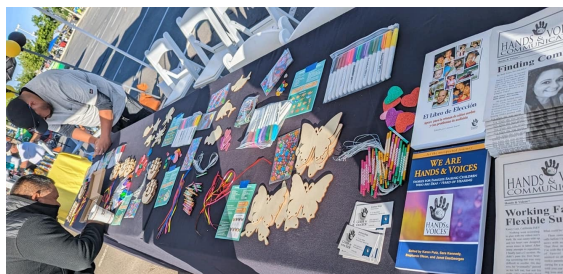
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July 20: H&V Support Series
July 27: Family Support Activities
August 10: Building and Fostering Connections between Your Family-based Organization and Your EHDI Program



Presbyterian Ear Institute's Run to Break the Silence

On June 4th, 308 runners gathered at Sandia Resort and Casino in Albuquerque to participate in a Kid's Fun Run, 5K and 10K race. Presbyterian Ear Institute gives deaf and hard of hearing children the opportunity to learn to listen and speak. Proceeds raised at this event supported PEI's School for Oral Deaf Education. Hands and Voices New Mexico participated in PEI's Run to Break the Silence by providing a table for families in attendance to socialize and complete arts & crafts together. Children of all ages made windchimes and enjoyed each others' company. PEI's Run to Break the Silence will be taking place in April in 2024!



Keep an eye out for Hands and Voices' summer get-together!



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