

# What Will Happen To My Baby In The Hospital?

## Newborn Hearing Screening

For more information contact the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Program at 971- 673-0268

The following Early Hearing Detection and Intervention website has more information for parents regarding Newborn Hearing Screening.  
[www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ch/hearing/index.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ch/hearing/index.shtml)

### Babies Are Never Too Young To Get a Hearing Screening

#### Hearing screening is important because

- You can't see hearing loss and a lot of children have hearing loss
- Most hospitals in Oregon will screen your baby's hearing before you leave the hospital. (Sometimes you need to finish the screening on a different day.)
- If your baby was not screened at birth, contact the EHDI Program for a list of screening facilities
- The screening is usually done while your baby sleeps.
- It is safe and painless and there is no extra cost to you

#### When babies are Screened Early

- Babies can get further testing and services they need
- Hearing loss can be found early

#### What to do after the screening?

- If your baby PASSES in both ears: Watch how your baby grows and learns and communicates
- If your baby DOES NOT PASS (fail, no pass, refer) do the following:
  - » Talk with your baby's health care provider
  - » Make an appointment for a full hearing test (diagnostic audiology) with a hearing specialist (called an audiologist), **before your baby is 3 months of age.**

#### What if my baby has a hearing loss?

- The hearing specialist (audiologist) will give you information about services and family support.
- Your baby will need Early Intervention before 6 months of age (programs and services available for children and their families) See Early Intervention page 7 in this booklet.
- Your baby will need on-going hearing tests and other services