

Request an Appointment

Telethon Speech & Hearing (TSH) is a Western Australian not for profit organisation and registered charity that provides a range of services to children and adults with hearing and speech & language delays.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Services

- Full Hearing Assessment 0 - 18
- Custom Made Swim Plugs
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)

Telethon Speech & Hearing can assess children of all ages without a referral.

Please call **9387 9888** to book an appointment or post to **PO Box 186 Wembley WA 6913**.

Net proceeds from this service will go towards supporting the work of Telethon Speech & Hearing, a not for profit organisation supporting children with hearing and speech impairments.



Locations

Wembley

Bendat Parent & Community Centre
36 Dodd Street Wembley WA 6014

Cockburn

Cockburn Integrated Health & Community Facility
Suite 14/11 Wentworth Parade Success WA 6164

Ellenbrook

Parkland Villas
25 The Parkway Ellenbrook WA 6169

Telethon Speech & Hearing does not pay commission to their Audiologists.

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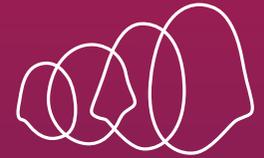
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Do you have concerns with your child's hearing?



Early Diagnosis

2 in every 1000 babies are born with a permanent hearing loss.

Hearing loss is an invisible impairment but is easily detectable with a non-invasive, simple screening test.

50% of babies with a hearing loss have no identifiable risk factors. Over 90% of babies with a permanent hearing loss are born to hearing parents.

It is vital for all babies to be screened at birth because early diagnosis of hearing loss is the key to successful early intervention. Babies whose hearing loss is detected early can get quick access to further testing, diagnosis and early intervention services and parents can be offered support and information as soon as possible.

Hearing & Communication Milestones

While children develop their hearing and communication skills at differing times, there are numerous milestones that can provide an approximate guide.

For Children 0-6 months

- Does your baby startle or wake up in response to loud sounds? YES/NO
- Does your baby move their gaze to follow sounds? YES/NO
- Do you notice any change in their cry when they want different things? Such as when they are tired versus when they want a feed? YES/NO

For Children 6-12 months

- Does your baby turn their head to loud sounds? YES/NO
- Does your baby appear to enjoy music and singing? YES/NO
- Does your baby respond to you calling their name? YES/NO

For Children 1 to 2 years of age

- Does your child babble or copy speech sounds that you make? YES/NO
- Can your child point to familiar items upon request? YES/NO
- Does your child look around in response to loud sounds? YES/NO
- Does your child look around when called across the room? YES/NO

For Children 2 to 3 years of age

- Does your child copy words that you say? YES/NO
- Can your child label familiar items upon request? YES/NO
- Is your child's speech understood by unfamiliar people at least 50% of the time? YES/NO
- Does your child respond to simple instructions when asked? YES/NO
- Does your child look around in response to loud sounds? YES/NO
- Does your child come when called from across the room? YES/NO

For Children 3 to 4 years of age

- Is your child speaking in sentences, using connector words such as 'and'? YES/NO
- Does your child enjoy telling stories about their activities? YES/NO
- Does your child role play conversation? YES/NO
- Is your child's speech understood by unfamiliar people most of the time? YES/NO
- Does your child enjoy reading books? YES/NO
- Can your child watch television without turning the volume up too loud? YES/NO
- Does your child often hear questions clearly the first time you ask, without you having to repeat them? YES/NO

The above questions are designed to be used as a guide only. If you answered 'no' to any of the questions about your child, please contact Telethon Speech & Hearing to book a full hearing test with an audiologist.



Ear Infections

Otitis Media is the medical name for a middle ear infection. It is one of the most common childhood illnesses. Some children may experience frequent episodes of Otitis Media. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are at much higher risk of Otitis Media and associated hearing loss.

Signs and symptoms:

- Cold symptoms (fever, cough, runny nose, fatigue/grumpy) - Otitis Media is more common after a cold
- Sore ears or pulling ears
- Smelly ears
- Runny ears/pus
- Hearing loss
- Gastro
- Loss of appetite
- Poor balance

A child may have an ear infection without any symptoms.

References:
Telethon Speech & Hearing (2014). *Chevron Ear Health Program Education Resource Pack*. Perth, Western Australia