



Audiological Services For Missouri Newborns

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Understanding Hearing Screening Results

If your baby does not pass the hearing screening conducted at the hospital, another test is necessary to determine whether your baby is able to hear. This does not mean that your baby has a hearing loss - but it does mean that it is very important to find out for sure. Of newborns that do not pass the screening in the hospital, many will be determined to have normal hearing. A small number will have hearing loss. For those with hearing loss, getting help early in life can significantly improve their chance of developing speech and language normally.

If your baby does not pass the screening in the hospital, follow recommendations. Depending on how the hospital where your baby was born has set up their hearing screening program, the hospital staff will recommend either a re-screening or a diagnostic assessment to be completed when your baby is just a few weeks older. A re-screening usually involves a repeat of the same or a very similar procedure that was used in the hospital. The re-screening may be completed at the hospital on an outpatient basis, or in the office of an audiologist, an ear, nose and throat physician, or a pediatrician.

A diagnostic assessment is completed by an audiologist. This assessment involves more comprehensive testing than a screening. Additional information on diagnostic assessment by an audiologist will be discussed in detail later in this guide.

How to Use This Guide

Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to provide you with information about audiology resources in your area. Audiologists are professionals who are licensed in the state of Missouri as audiologists. They have a master's or doctoral degree and are specialists in the area of hearing. Audiologists are qualified to administer hearing screening, hearing evaluations, and dispense hearing aids.

Audiology Services

This guide includes four types of service: hearing screening “R,” hearing diagnostic evaluation–limited “DL,” hearing diagnostic evaluation “D,” and hearing aid fitting and dispensing “S.”

Hearing Screening

“R” indicates audiologists who offer re-screenings. Hearing screening is a service that is very similar to what was completed in the hospital. In most cases, hospitals that recommend re-screening for newborns who do not pass in the hospital will also provide information on where to obtain the re-screening. In many cases, newborns return to the hospital of birth for the re-screening. If this is not the case, an audiologist may re-screen your baby.

Diagnostic Testing – Limited

“DL” indicates audiologists who offer limited diagnostic testing. Limited diagnostic testing may be conducted by an audiologist on some newborns, especially in rural areas. This service includes some tests that are beyond screening measures, but does not include all tests that are necessary to completely diagnose the severity and type of hearing loss. Normal hearing can usually be determined with this group of tests. Newborns that have hearing loss will be referred for complete diagnostic testing.

Diagnostic Testing

“D” indicates audiologists who conduct diagnostic tests. Diagnostic testing will be conducted on newborns who do not pass the initial or re-screening. Some hospitals operate hearing screening programs that refer newborns directly to diagnostic testing if they do not pass in the hospitals. Diagnostic testing is conducted by an audiologist and includes several different tests. This battery of tests will determine if your baby has a hearing loss, approximate the degree or severity of the loss, and enable audiologists to make recommendations about what to do next.

Selection and Fitting of Amplification

“S” indicates Audiologists who select and fit hearing aids for newborns. Amplification is another name for hearing aids or other devices that enhance hearing abilities.

Determining your Geographical Area

A map of Missouri is on page 6. On this map, Missouri is divided into seven different regions. You can determine which geographic region you live in by finding your county on the map. Audiology facilities are listed according to their location. For example, if you live in the central region, audiology facilities that are listed in the central section of the listing are most likely to be near you. Keep in mind that if you live near the border of an area, an audiology facility located in the neighboring region may actually be closer to you.

Listings

Beginning on page 7, audiology facilities are listed according to their location.

Service Coordination and Funding

You may be eligible for service coordination or funding of services through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services' Bureau of Special Health Care Needs' Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program, or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Special Education's First Steps program. The Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program helps families of children with serious medical conditions (including hearing loss) get treatment related to their child's condition. Assistance includes diagnostic and treatment services.

First Steps is Missouri's response to Public Law 102-119 (formerly Public Law 99-457, a 1986 federal law). The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is the lead agency for developing and monitoring this system of early intervention for children with disabilities, birth to age three, and their families. First Steps aspires to provide coordinated services for Missouri families as conveniently as possible. Participation in First Steps is voluntary and is intended to help families:

1. Understand their children's special needs;
2. Obtain the help they desire to deal with situations that could interfere with their children's growth and development; and
3. Provide the best conditions for their children's growth and development.

FACILITIES

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S= Selection and Fitting of Amplification

CENTRAL MISSOURI

Boone Hospital Center

1600 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65201
(573) 815-3502
*Services: R

Capital Region Medical Center Audiology

1125 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 632-4970
*Services: R

JCMG Hearing & Balance

1241 W. Stadium Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 556-1732
*Services: R

Lake Regional ENT & Audiology

1029 Nichols Road, Ste. 301
Osage Beach, MO 65065
(573) 302-2864
*Services: R, D, S

Missouri School for the Deaf

505 E. 5th Street
Fulton, MO 65251
(573) 592-2543
*Services: R, DL, S

MU ENT, Hearing & Balance Center

525 N. Keene Street
Columbia, MO 65212
(573) 882-4327
*Services: R, D, S

SSM Health-Audrain

620 E. Monroe
Mexico, MO 65265
(573) 582-8700
*Services: R

KANSAS CITY AREA

Children's Mercy Hospital

3111 Broadway
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816) 234-3677
*Services: R, D, S

ENT Associates of Greater Kansas City

1004 Carondelet Drive, Ste. 450
Kansas City, MO 64114
(816) 942-7200 Ext. 63
*Services: R

Midwest Ear Institute

4320 Wornall Road, Ste. 420
Kansas City, MO 64111
(816) 932-1660
*Services: R, D, S

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NORTHEAST MISSOURI

Truman State University Speech & Hearing Clinic

Health Sciences Building
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 785-7414

***Services R**

Hearing Care Partners

800 W. Jefferson Street
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 626-2777

***Services: R**

Central Institute for the Deaf

825 S. Taylor
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 977-0104

***Services: S**

Hearing Consultants

12277 DePaul Drive
South Bldg., Ste. 403
St. Louis, Mo 63044

(314) 394-1911

***Services: R, D, S**

NORTHWEST MISSOURI

Mosaic ENT Specialists

5301 Faraon, Ste. 160
St. Joseph, MO 64506
(816) 671-4840

***Services: R, D, S**

Mercy Hospital-St. Louis

615 S. New Ballas Road
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 251-5850

***Services: R, D, S**

The Moog Center for Deaf Education

12300 S. Forty Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 692-7172

***Services: S**

ST LOUIS AREA

Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital

1465 S. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 577-5671

***Services: R, D, S**

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf

1314 Strassner Drive
Brentwood, MO 63144
(314) 918-1369

***Services: S**

Center for Hearing & Speech

9835 Manchester
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 968-4710

***Services: R, S**

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ST LOUIS AREA (CONTINUED)

St. Louis Children's Hospital

One Children's Place
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 454-6171

***Services: R, D, S,**

Special School District of St. Louis County

10094 Litzsinger Road
St. Louis, MO 63124
(314) 989-8875

***Services: DL, S**

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Audiology Associates, Inc.

3117 Blattner Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
(573) 332-7000

***Services: R, DL**

Audiology Associates, Inc.

225 Physicians Park Drive, Ste. 103
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901
(573) 332-7000

***Services: R, DL**

The Bond Clinic

600 Blues Lake Parkway
Rolla, Mo 65401
(573) 364-5719

***Services: R, D, S**

Southeast Ear, Nose & Throat

1723 Broadway, Ste 205
Cape Girardeau, MO 53701
(573) 519-4646

***Services: R, DL**

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Ozark Mountain Ear Nose & Throat Clinic

186 S. Payne Stewart Drive, Ste. B
Branson, MO 65616
(417) 335-3636

***Services: R**

Cox Medical Center South

3801 S. National
Springfield, MO 65807
(417) 269-6821

***Services: R, D**

Ferrell-Duncan Ear, Nose, & Throat Clinic

960 E. Walnut Lawn, Ste. 102
Springfield, MO 65807
(417) 875-3600

***Services: R**

Freeman Health System/Hearing Center

1331 W. 32nd Street
Joplin, MO 64804
(800) 322-3637

***Services: R**

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Fort Leonard Wood –Audiology Clinic

4430 Missouri Ave., Box 1263

Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473

(573) 596-0048

***Services: R**

Mercy Clinic—Springfield

1229 E. Seminole, Ste. 530

Springfield, MO 65804

(417) 887-5750

***Services: R, D, S**

Mercy Hospital-Joplin

100 Mercy Way, Ste. 500

Joplin, MO 64804

(417) 625-2495

***Services: R**

Missouri State University

901 S. National

Springfield, MO 65804

(417) 836-5275

***Services: R, D, S**

Southern Missouri ENT

1409 Doctor's Drive

West Plains, MO 65775

(417) 255-1373

***Services: R**

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program Contact

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program

Bureau of Special Health Care Needs
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
PO Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570
(573) 751-6246 or (800) 451-0669 (toll-free)
Fax: (573) 751-6237
Website: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/shcn/>

As payer of last resort, the Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program provides limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for children whose families also meet financial eligibility guidelines.

First Steps Program Contact

First Steps Program

Office of Special Education
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
(573) 522-8762 or (866) 583-2392 (toll-free)
Email: sefirststeps@dese.mo.gov
Website: <https://dese.mo.gov/special-education/first-steps>

First Steps offers coordinated services and assistance to young children with disabilities or developmental delays – birth to age 3 – and their families.