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 the 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.

An audiologist completes a diagnostic assessment, which involves more comprehensive testing than a screening. This guide will discuss in more detail additional information on diagnostic assessment.

How to Use This Guide

Purpose

This guide provides information about audiology resources in your area. Audiologists are professionals licensed in the state of Missouri. Audiologists have a master's or doctoral degree and are specialists in hearing. They are qualified to administer hearing screenings, evaluations, and hearing aids.

Audiology Services

This guide includes four types of service: hearing screening, hearing diagnostic evaluation–limited, hearing diagnostic evaluation, and hearing aid fitting and dispensing.

Hearing Screening
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
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 who have hearing loss will be referred for complete diagnostic testing.

Diagnostic Testing
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 the hospital's screening. 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
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

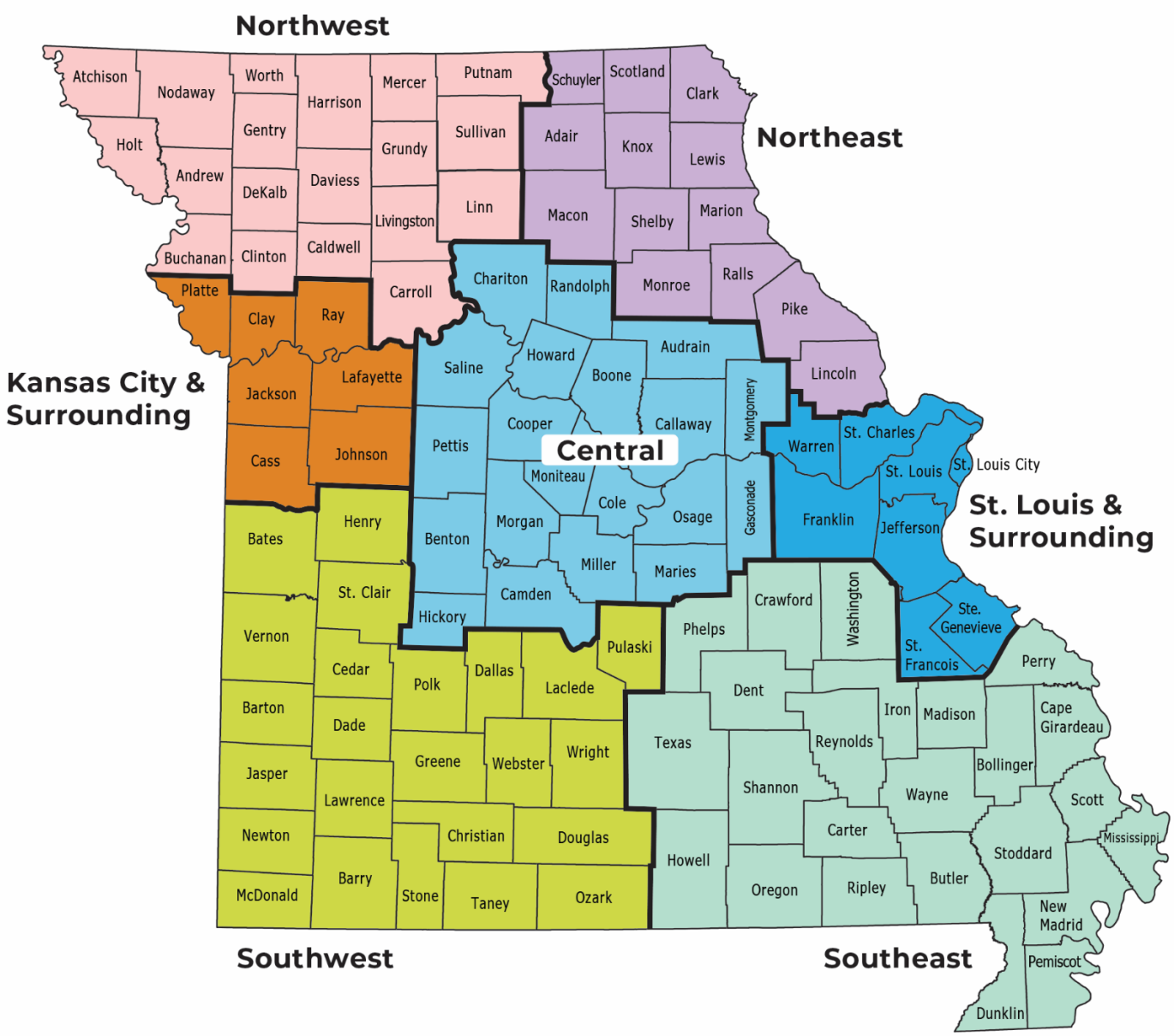
You may be eligible for service coordination or funding of services through the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services - Bureau of Special Health Care Needs, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program (CYSHCN), or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Office of Childhood First Steps program.

The CYSHCN Program provides assistance statewide for children and youth with special health care needs from birth to age 21. The program focuses on early identification and service coordination for children and youth who meet medical eligibility guidelines. As payer of last resort, the CYSHCN Program provides limited funding for medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for children whose families also meet financial eligibility guidelines

First Steps is Missouri's Early Intervention system for infants and toddlers, birth to age three, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. The federal law governing First Steps is Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) is the lead state agency responsible for implementing the First Steps program. First Steps is a voluntary program that serves children between the ages of birth and three years who have been determined to have a diagnosed physical or mental condition associated with developmental disabilities, or a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay or disability, or children who have a developmental delay.

The mission of the First Steps program is to provide supports and services to enhance the family's capacity to support their child's learning and development, and to increase the child's participation in family and community life.

Regional Audiologist Facilities Map



Facilities and Services

CENTRAL MISSOURI

MU Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic - Jefferson City
1125 Madison Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 632-4970
Services: Re-Screening.

JCMG Hearing & Balance
1241 W. Stadium Blvd.
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 556-1732
Services: Re-Screening.

Missouri School for the Deaf
505 E. 5th Street
Fulton, MO 65251
(573) 592-2543
Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing-Limited, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

MU ENT, Hearing & Balance Center
525 N. Keene Street
Columbia, MO 65212
(573) 882-4327
Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

KANSAS CITY AREA

Children's Mercy Hospital
2401 Gillham Road
Kansas City, MO 64108
(816)234-3000
Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Midwest Ear Institute
4320 Wornall Road, Ste. 420
Kansas City, MO 64111
(816) 932-1660
Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI

Hearing Care Partners
101 S Baltimore
Kirksville, MO 63501
(877)524-0084
Services: Re-Screening.

Hearken Hearing and Audiology
915 S. Baltimore
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 956-9156
Services Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing-Limited.

Truman State University Speech & Hearing Clinic
Truman State University
Health Sciences Building 2233
100 East Normal Ave
Kirksville, MO 63501
(660) 785-7414
Services: Re-Screening.

Facilities and Services

NORTHWEST MISSOURI

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

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

ST LOUIS AREA

Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital
1465 S. Grand Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 577-5671

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Center for Hearing & Speech
9835 Manchester
St. Louis, MO 63119
(314) 968-4710

Services: Re-Screening, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Central Institute for the Deaf
825 S. Taylor
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 977-0023

Services: Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Hearing Consultants
12255 DePaul Drive Suite 860
St. Louis, Mo 63044
(314) 926-0080

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

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

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

The Moog Center for Deaf Education
12300 S. Forty Drive
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 692-7172

Services: Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf
1314 Strassner Drive
Brentwood, MO 63144
(314) 918-1369

Services: Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

St. Louis Children's Hospital
One Children's Place
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 454-5437

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Special School District of St. Louis County
2350 S Lindbergh Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63131
(314) 989-8875

Services: Diagnostic Testing-Limited, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Facilities and Services

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Phelps Health - The Bond Clinic
600 Blues Lake Parkway
Rolla, Mo 65401
(573) 364-5719

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Mercy Clinic Ear, Nose, and Throat
1723 Broadway, Ste 205
Cape Girardeau, MO 53701
(573) 519-4646

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing-Limited.

Audiology Associates of Missouri
3117 Blattner Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
(573) 332-7000

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing-Limited.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

Ozark Mountain Ear Nose & Throat Clinic
186 S. Payne Stewart Drive Ste. B
Branson, MO 65616
(417) 335-3636

Services: Re-Screening.

Cox Medical Center South
1001 East Primrose St
Springfield, MO 65807
(417) 269-6821

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing.

Ferrell-Duncan Ear, Nose, & Throat Clinic
960 E. Walnut Lawn, Ste. 102
Springfield, MO 65807
(417) 875-3600

Services: Re-Screening.

Freeman Health System/Hearing Center
1331 W. 32nd Street
Joplin, MO 64804
(417) 347-6767

Services: Re-Screening.

Fort Leonard Wood –Audiology Clinic
4430 Missouri Ave., Floor 1
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473
(573) 596-9300

Services: Re-Screening.

Mercy Clinic – Springfield
1229 E. Seminole, Ste. 520
Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 820-5751

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Missouri State University Collaborative Care Clinic
901 S. National
Springfield, MO 65804
(417) 836-5275

Services: Re-Screening, Diagnostic Testing, Selection and Fitting of Amplification.

Southern Missouri Hearing Specialists
1409 Doctor's Drive
West Plains, MO 65775
(417) 255-1373

Services: Re-Screening.

Family Partnership for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children Contact

Family Partnership Program
The Family Partnership is part of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Employed by the Family Partnership, the Family Partner DHH is a parent of a child who is deaf or hard-of-hearing. The Family partner DHH offers parent-to-parent support to families with an infant newly diagnosed as deaf or hard-of-hearing. The Family Partner DHH can provide resource information, the opportunity to network with other families, and emotional support as only other parents/caregivers can offer. For more information, visit the Family Partnership webpage: https://health.mo.gov/seniors/shcn/familypartnership/

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program Contact

Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
Bureau of Special Health Care Needs
PO Box 570
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570
(573) 751-6246 or (800) 451-0669 (toll-free)
Fax: (573) 751-6237
Email: shcn@health.mo.gov
Website: https://health.mo.gov/seniors/shcn/

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 Program Contact

First Steps Program
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Office of Childhood
205 Jefferson St., P.O. Box 480
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480
(573) 522-0045 or (866) 583-2392 Ext 3 (toll-free)
Email: EarlyIntervention@dese.mo.gov
Website: https://dese.mo.gov/childhood/early-intervention/first-steps

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

Visit the Missouri First Steps provider directory to find early intervention providers for children from birth to age 3 who may provide services at the audiologist facilities listed on pages 7-9.