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Each year in the U.S., more than 12,000 babies are born with hearing loss and 1 in 10 children will develop hearing loss later in life. Hearing loss can cause delays in language development, social skills, and academic achievement. Infants should be screened for hearing loss no later than one month of age and, if hearing loss is suspected, get a full hearing test no later than three months of age. Babies begin to develop speech and language from birth. So, if a baby's hearing loss is identified early, the child can get intervention services he or she needs to improve their speech, language development, social skills, and academic achievement.

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