

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that children have their eyes checked at the following ages:

- At 12 months
- At 24 months
- At 3 to 4 years of age
- At 5 years of age and older

Newborns should have a hearing screening before leaving the hospital. Although most babies can hear normally, 1 to 3 of every 1,000 babies are born with some degree of hearing loss. About half of the children with hearing loss show no risk factors.



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Early intervention, of vision and hearing problems in young children, is necessary for the best treatment.

We can help!

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Every Child has the Potential to Thrive!



The key to your child's good hearing and vision health is early screening and detection.

SCHEDULE A SCREENING

Screening are fee and can occur in a wide variety of settings. We are able to attend health fairs, community events and schedule screenings at home or child care centers. You may also schedule an individual appointment for



WHY IS EARLY SCREENING IMPORTANT?

There is substantial evidence that the quality of the learning and health experiences of our children between birth and age five, including early hearing and vision screening, plays a critical role in their success in school and throughout life.

Early screening allows for early detection, diagnosis and treatment of children with hearing and vision problem.



FREE SCREENING PROGRAM

Hearing and vision screenings are performed using age appropriate, standardized screening tools, equipment and/or assessments. Screening technicians maintain certification and current training for the methods and tools used in these activities. Arizona Department of Health guidelines and Standards are observed during screenings.

SCREENING DELIVERY

Screening results are kept confidential. Parent or guardian consent is required. A parent or other designated guardian must be present during all screening procedures.

FOLLOW-UP CARE

The ultimate reason for conducting screening is to help children in need of further evaluation. As many as 10% of children screened will be encouraged to be re-screened. If needed, referrals will be made to another provider or agency.



QUESTIONS

If you have questions, or want to schedule a screening, please call (520) 836-4651.

