

Risk Assessment: Parent, caregiver, teacher, and child observation of complaints and behavior

Ages

All ages, especially in younger children

Purpose

To assess for indicators of potential hearing loss

Procedure

Ask the child to report any complaints about his or her ears. Ask the parents, caregivers or teachers to report any abnormal listening behaviors.

Complaints

- Pain in the ear(s)
- Fullness in the ear(s)
- Noise in the ear(s)
- Drainage from the ear(s)
- Cannot hear

Behaviors

- Tugs at the ear(s)
- Asks to have things repeated
- Turns side of head towards the speaker
- Is inattentive to conversation
- Watches speaker's lips
- Shows strain when listening
- Has difficulty with phonics
- Tends to isolate
- Talks too loudly or softly
- Has a speech problem
- Is not working to capacity in school
- Makes frequent mistakes in following directions
- Tends to be passive

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Children for whom no hearing loss indicators are identified do not require referral.

REFER

Children with any complaints or concerns should be referred to their primary care provider to determine appropriate treatment or referrals.



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