FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REGARDING NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING CALL:

1-800-MOM BABY

DC Hears is the state agency in the District of Columbia designated to promote early detection and intervention for all children from birth to five years of age who have been diagnosed with hearing loss regardless of family income.

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The DC Newborn Screening Act protects your right to refuse these tests on your baby if you so desire. However, you are encouraged to consider the benefits of the screening before you refuse. If you do not want your baby to be tested, simply tell the nurse or doctor

DIAGNOSTIC HEARING EVALUATION

APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

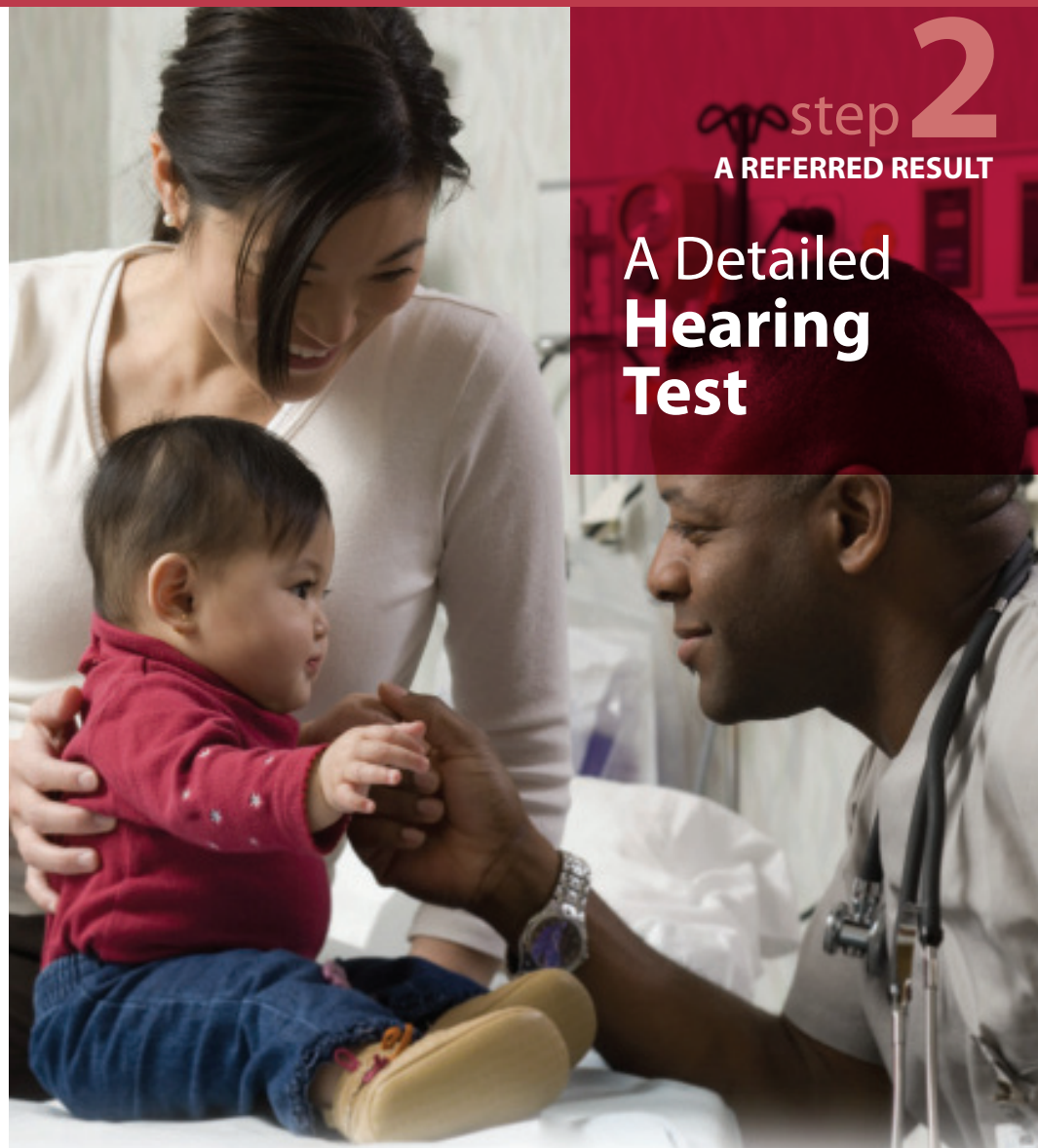
An appointment has been made for your baby's hearing test.

Location:_____

Phone number:_____

Date/Time:_____

Finding a hearing loss early can make a big difference in your baby's life.



step 2

A REFERRED RESULT

A Detailed **Hearing Test**

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Why does my baby need a detailed hearing test?

If your baby does not pass the hearing screenings, then you will receive a letter or report that reads “referred”. This means your baby will need a detailed hearing test.

Did you know?

- Further testing is the only way to know if your baby really has a hearing loss.
- Identifying a hearing loss as early as possible is critical to your baby’s speech and language development.
- If your baby has a hearing loss, there are many ways you can get help for your baby.

What will happen during the detailed hearing test?

A more detailed hearing test will be done by an Audiologist (health care professional with a specialty in hearing loss). The evaluation may include several other tests to get a complete picture of your baby’s hearing. This test should be done as soon as possible before your baby is three months of age.

What’s the next step?

Contact an audiology clinic to make an appointment.

- Ask for any special instructions to prepare your baby for the evaluation
- You may need a referral from your doctor prior to this appointment

Early hearing testing is very important. Identifying a hearing loss as early as possible will get your child off to a good start in their communication development. It is important that you keep all appointments and follow up with your child’s results.

Remember...

- A detailed hearing test is the only way to know if your child really has a hearing loss.
- Early diagnosis is important for early communication development.
- Early communication development is important for your child’s future.