



Dear Parent/Guardian:

- Did you know 3 out of 4 babies are born with hearing loss, making it the most frequent occurring birth disorder?
- Did you know that significant hearing loss can develop after the newborn period, so screening your child at birth is not enough?

A **FREE hearing screening** is available for PreK aged children enrolled at ECA's Learning Centers, sponsored by Early Childhood Alliance Family Engagement Programs with funding from the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation.

- Screening is easy and painless
- Screening occurs right in your child's classroom
- Our portable screener is accurate and requires no response from your child
- The test provides a pass/refer result

This hearing screening is an otoacoustic emission test that checks the response generated by structures in the outer hair cells to sounds presented in the ear canal. Children can even sleep through this test!

This test provides a pass/refer result. If your child does not pass the test, it does not always indicate hearing loss. It simply means the child needs further testing and evaluation from your child's doctor.

**If you are interested in this FREE test, please complete the information on the form below to turn in to your child's teacher.**

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I would like my child to participate in the hearing screening. I understand this is a pass/refer test only. No hearing loss diagnosis will be made; parents/guardians should seek further evaluation.

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Print name of child

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Print name of parent/guardian

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Signature of parent/guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_