

The Following Are Resources for  
Children With Vision and/or Hearing  
Impairments

Developmental Disabilities Services  
1.800.643.8258

Arkansas Project for Children  
With Deafblindness  
501.682.4222

Arkansas Department of Health  
And Human Services  
1.800.462.0599

Arkansas Children's Hospital Eye Clinic  
501.364.1150

Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Audiology and Speech Clinic  
501.364.4319

Educational Services  
for the Visually Impaired (ESVI)  
501.835.5448

Local Education Agency Support Services  
for Hearing Impaired (LEASSHI)  
501.324.9522

Arkansas School for the Blind  
Early Intervention  
Birth to Age 3  
501.296.1820

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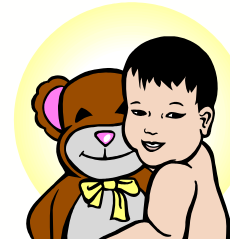
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# SIGHT AND SOUND



Prepare  
Your  
Preschooler  
for  
Success!

## Vision and Hearing Are Important to Growth and Learning.

Please be aware of the following behaviors by your preschooler that may indicate that he or she has problems with vision and/or hearing.



A list of resources for families to contact is provided with this brochure in the event that a hearing or vision loss is suspected.

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## Behaviors That May Indicate A Visual Impairment

- Does not attempt to locate objects visually.
- Usually turns toward or fixates on light sources (such as overhead lighting, lamps or sunlight).
- Engages in visual self-stimulation such as eye-poking or finger-flicking.
- Does not make eye contact.
- Has difficulty following moving objects with his/her eyes.
- Often bumps into persons and objects.
- Has difficulty walking or crawling smoothly across areas that look different (such as carpet or tile).
- Needs to touch or have an object close to the face to identify it.
- Prefers only brightly colored or shiny objects.
- Has difficulty reaching for and grasping objects in a coordinated manner.
- Squints, covers or closes one eye when looking at objects.
- Has eyes that are red or watery, not clear.
- Eyes turn in or out at any time.
- Turns or tilts head or body while doing tasks.



## Behaviors That May Indicate A Hearing Impairment

- Does not hear quiet speech.
- Does not turn head toward sources of sound.
- May seem inattentive.
- Does not respond appropriately to words or common home noises (telephone, knock on door, music, voices, or someone calling his/her name).
- Does not make a variety of sounds or attempt to imitate sounds.
- Frequently asks to have things repeated or follows directions incorrectly.
- Seems confused when verbal directions are given in noisy environments such as playgrounds or school cafeterias.
- Indicates agreement (nods head) when you know he/she does not understand what was said.
- Understands better when looking directly at the speaker.
- Does not respond to loud noises, such as slamming doors.

