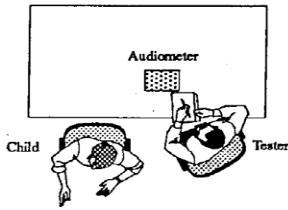


HEARING SCREENING

A Brief Summary



SEAT CHILD CAREFULLY Often best to seat child **PERPENDICULAR AND SLIGHTLY AHEAD** of your position at the audiometer. Child should not be able to see you push buttons or move head or arms. Children with hearing problems may watch for movement and visual clues to try to pass screening.



INSTRUCT

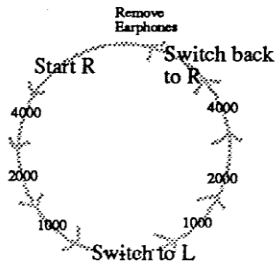
Keep it short and simple. Example: "You'll hear some BEEPS through the earphones. Raise your hand every time you hear a beep. Listen carefully for small, quiet beeps." If child seems confused, model by raising your hand as you say "BEEP".



PLACE EARPHONES CAREFULLY Hole inside earphones is placed directly over ear canals. Push hair behind ears. Remove glasses only if uncomfortable or obstructive. Misplaced earphones can often cause children to fail hearing screening.

PRACTICE NEEDED?

Kindergartners may be unsure of instructions. Present a 40 dB tone at 4000 Hz in right ear. They should raise hand if they understand. Go on to next tone if no response. If they respond proceed to screen



SCREEN 20 dB - R 4000, 2000, 1000, L 1000, 2000, 4000

Present tone 2 seconds (say 'hearing test' to yourself). If a child does not respond to any of the 3 tones, present the missed tone another time, go on to the other tones and come back to the missed tone at the end. If the child does not respond to any one of the 3 tones in either ear they failed and need immediate rescreening.



DON'T present tones in a predictable rhythm. **DON'T** present tone immediately after switching pitch or ear - every time. Vary tone intervals. Children with hearing problems pass due to patterning!



RECORD Pass: 0 = OKAY or ZERO tones missed.

FAIL: Write pitch(es) missed = 1, 2, 4 (equals 1000, 2000, 4000)

Good Signs



GOOD SIGNS Child stops wiggling, raises hand quickly after tone is presented or touches earphone, seems to be concentrating.

Bad Signs



BAD SIGNS Child raises hand just as tone presented or when there is no tone, slow to raise hand, distractible, or keeps trying to watch. **BE CAUTIOUS!** Have child rescreened if you have any doubts!!