

The Developing Child with Unilateral Hearing Loss: AN UNEXPECTED DIAGNOSIS

You expected your baby to be perfect

Parents dream of who their babies will be, the joy they will bring and their possible futures, all before they are ever born.

Your baby came with a surprise you never expected or thought about – hearing loss.

You don't want to believe it.

It doesn't seem real that you have any problem.



You want to believe your baby is perfect

It is real. You have a baby with a hearing loss in one ear that will never go away.

Maybe that ear looks different. Maybe it looks perfect – just like the other ear.

The hearing loss will be a part of him every day of his life.

You are thankful that hearing loss is only in one ear but don't want him to have it at all.



It is hard to accept your baby is not perfect

When a baby is so young, it is hard to believe that hearing tests can be accurate.

Hearing tests are very accurate, even when babies are only days or weeks old.

Whether your child has some hearing in that ear or no hearing, there is a hearing loss that is part of who she is now and part of the child and adult she will become.



Your child is who she or he is.

Hearing loss in one ear is as much a part of who she is as her eye and hair color.

She will need your love, care and guidance just as if she had no hearing loss.



She is a whole person, even if she has a hearing loss in one ear.

As parents, you will want to understand what it means to have good hearing in only one ear.

Having a child with a hearing loss in one ear is still very new to you.

What questions do you have?

What would you like to talk about first?

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