# The Importance of Hearing and Vision Testing

## Did you know that . . .

* Hearing and vision are deeply connected to early childhood development— especially during a child’s first three years?
* Your child learns about things and people in the environment by watching and hearing them come and go?
* Major nerve pathways are formed in the brain during early childhood (much of what the brain receives during this time comes from hearing and vision)?

## Testing is essential because . . .

* A loss of hearing or vision—or both—affects all areas of your child’s learning.
* Even mild losses can have huge impacts on learning and development.
* If hearing and vision loss are present, your child will need other ways to access information.
* Early identification is critical to ensure you receive the support needed to address your child’s unique learning needs during this important time of life when the brain is developing rapidly. The sooner the better!

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