

Growing up with Hearing Loss: Ages 0-3

A free pediatric resource helping you to help your patients

The first three years of life lay the foundation for a child's social, emotional, and mental development. The Ida institute has added a new chapter to their Growing Up with Hearing Loss pediatric resource to help parents navigate these important first years.



Growing Up with Hearing Loss focuses on the significant times of change in the life of a child with hearing loss. The tool provides insight into new environments, social needs, and skills needed for ages 0-18+. Each of the six chapters is based on a developmental stage, making it easy to recommend only the most relevant content to your client.

The new chapter of the free resource deals with the first three years of a child's life. From ages 0-3, babies and toddlers are becoming increasingly aware of their environment and acquiring the building blocks to develop language, emotions, social skills, and learning abilities. Parents meanwhile, are learning what their child needs to thrive. Growing Up with Hearing Loss 0-3 is a useful resource to help parents recognize the changes and challenges of their baby or toddler and provides suggestions to help them support the child's development.

The tool, which was developed by the Ida Institute in collaboration with an <u>international team</u> of audiologists and educators, is broken into three sections for each stage. Eileen Rall, audiologist and clinical coordinator at the Center for Childhood Communication at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, helped develop the tool and explains, "In <u>Be Inspired by Others</u>, parents can view short videos from veteran families sharing their experiences. <u>Am I Ready?</u> prompts parents to think about what they know and how they feel and offers suggestions for what could be discussed with their hearing care providers. Finally, the <u>Develop New Skills</u> section includes a number of ideas that audiologists or other team members provide for families to promote healthy development."

For more information, insights and advice from Growing Up with Hearing Loss, visit idainstitute.com/tools/growing up with hearing loss