

Undetected Hearing Loss

Different Types of Hearing Loss

Conductive Hearing Loss: When sound is not conducted efficiently through the outer ear canal, to the eardrum and the tiny bones of the inner ear.

Sensorineural Hearing Loss: When the mechanical energy from the middle ear bones pushes in the oval membrane - which causes movement of the fluid inside the cochlea.

Mixed Hearing Loss: a combination of conductive and sensorineural hearing loss.

Signs of Possible Hearing Loss:

- Doesn't startle to loud noises
- Doesn't respond to their name unless you're in sight
- Delayed speech or unintelligible speech
- Says "huh?" often

Prevention Ideas:

- Encourage families to follow up
- Help connect families with EL (English Language) Services
- Know the signs of suspected hearing loss
- Be positive and have high expectations
- Make sure that children get hearing screened/ tested at birth

