

ESIT Vision and Hearing Screening:

A Family Guide to the Three-Pronged Approach

No child is too young to have their vision and hearing screened.



Why check vision and hearing?

Vision and hearing are important ways children learn about their world. Finding hearing and vision concerns early will help your child develop. You will get the help you need, right from the start.

What is the Three-Pronged Approach?

The Three-Pronged Approach is how your ESIT (Early Support for Infants and Toddlers) provider will check for concerns about your child's vision and hearing. This is not a formal test and shouldn't take the place of a full evaluation from an ear or eye doctor. The Three-Pronged Approach will help us know if your child needs a full vision or hearing evaluation.

What happens during the Three-Pronged Approach?

Your ESIT provider will:

- Talk with you about concerns you may have about how your child sees and hears.
- Watch how your child uses their vision and hearing as they play and do daily activities.
- Look at your child's medical records. They will ask you about what your doctor told you about your child's health and growth.

What happens after the Three-Pronged Approach?

If there are any concerns about how your child sees or hears, you and your ESIT provider will make a follow-up plan. This plan might include an evaluation by medical providers and/or specialized teaching by an ESIT provider.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost to you. This Three-Pronged Approach is part of the free ESIT evaluation process.

More questions?

We are committed to supporting you to help your child grow. If you have any questions, please ask your ESIT provider.

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