

# My Baby Has a Hearing Difference in One Ear



## Follow-up is so important

### Hearing differences in one ear can make listening more challenging

- Soft voices are harder to hear with only one ear.
- Sounds that are far away are harder to hear with only one ear.
- Hearing with two ears is necessary to find sounds in the environment.
- It is easier to follow conversation with two ears.
- Hearing in background noise can be more challenging and tiring with one ear.

### Hearing differences in one ear can impact your child's development

- Hearing differences in one ear can impact speech and language.
- It may take your child longer to begin to produce speech sounds.
- Social-emotional issues may arise if your child is missing out on conversations and group interaction.

## Resources & support to help

- Get in-home support from a [specialist: Colorado Hearing \(CO-Hear\) Coordinator](#)
- Monitor your child's development with a [specialist: CO-Hear Coordinator](#)
- Connect with a parent of a child with a hearing difference in one ear: [Guide By Your Side Program](#)
- Meet an adult with a hearing difference in one ear: [The Ascent Program](#)



### QR Code to Access Resources



## What should I do next?

### Contact your child's pediatric audiologist

- Learn your child's hearing levels: mild, moderate, severe, profound
- Monitor your child's hearing and listening

### Connect with a specialist: A Colorado Hearing (CO-Hear) Coordinator

- Use the QR Code or visit [www.coehdi.org/resources/co-hear/](http://www.coehdi.org/resources/co-hear/) to find the CO-Hear Coordinator in your county

