

# Early Hearing Detection and Intervention



## Explanation of Request for Parental Consent

### Background

Missouri law requires universal hearing screening of all newborns in Missouri. The purpose of the law is to ensure that all newborns and toddlers with hearing loss are identified as early as possible so they can begin receiving early intervention services without delay. As part of newborn screening, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) receives initial hearing screening information for all children born in Missouri.

*Did you know...*



### Purpose

The DHSS requests parental consent to share a child's name and date of the first signed Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) to ensure infants diagnosed with hearing loss and their families are receiving necessary resources and supports. This information also enables the DHSS to improve the identification and referral process for families like yours in the future.

**Privacy:** DHSS respects your family's privacy. Personally identifiable information is never released.

**For more information call toll-free:  
800-877-6246**

[www.health.mo.gov/living/newbornscreening](http://www.health.mo.gov/living/newbornscreening)

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