Listening Troubles and Little Kids

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not talk much

use actions or point more

take longer to tell things

need people to call out loud to get their attention

like to do things their own way

sit close to music or TV

be hard to understand Kids should see a health practitioner about their ears if they are doing lots of these things.

What can happen when kids can't hear well?

Hard to learn language

Language is learned by listening. When they're not hearing the sounds, it's harder for kids to learn to talk.

Need more attention

Kids may want lots of attention. Sometimes families get tired and frustrated. Carers need extra help when kids have hearing loss.



Don't like loud noises

Loud noises can hurt kids' ears if they have ear

- ✓ Kids may put their hands over their ears
- hear loud noises

Want to know what will happen

Kids like to know what is going to happen. When they know what to expect they get less upset by change.

- Sometimes cry when they
- ✓ They may want to get away from loud noise



Little kids who can't hear have trouble learning how to share. It takes more time to learn to share.

What can families do to help kids with listening problems?

Breastfeed



Wash

Wash hands and faces to stop germs from spreading.



No Smoke

Keep kids away from smoke to help stop ear infection



Health

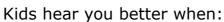
Get good help from health services

When talking

- ✓ Make sure kids are looking at you
- ✓ Call out or make baby sounds to get their attention
- ✓ Talk loud enough so they can hear



Talk More



- ✓ It is quiet
- ✓ You are talking just with them
- ✓ They are not distracted by other things
- ✓ You repeat things they don't understand
- ✓ You talk about things they are interested in



- ✓ Show and tell them things
- actions and sign language
- less 'growling'

- ✓ Kids watch more when their ears don't work well
- ✓ Use pointing,
- ✓ Do more helping,

Eardrum Sounds Sounds come in here Infection blocks the sounds going through

Listening problems come

from ear infections



Make sure it's not noisy when you talk