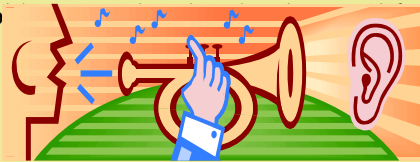


What is Hearing Loss?

Hearing loss or hearing impairment happens when there is a problem with one or more parts of the ear or ears. Someone who has hearing loss may be able to hear some sounds or nothing at all. Impairment means something is not working correctly or as well as it should. People also may use the words deaf, deafness, or hard of hearing when they're talking about hearing loss

Fact: About 3 in 1,000 babies are born with hearing impairment, making it the most common birth defect. A hearing pro



What Causes Hearing Loss?

1. Hearing loss can happen because a person was born with parts of the ear that didn't form correctly and don't work well
2. Other problems can happen later because of an injury or illness, including:
 - Middle ear fluid
 - Serious infections, such as meningitis
 - Head injury
 - Listening to very loud music, especially through headphones

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Types of Hearing Loss

Conductive-This happens when there is a problem with a part of the outer or middle ear. Most people with conductive hearing loss have a mild hearing loss and it is usually temporary in most cases medical treatment can help.

Sensory-This happens when the cochlea is not working correctly because the tiny hair cells are damaged or destroyed. Depending on the loss, a person may be able to hear most sounds although they would be muffled; may be able to hear in quiet but not in noise; only some sounds; or no sounds at all. Sensory hearing impairment is almost always permanent and a person's ability to talk normally may be affected

Neural-This happens when there is a problem with the connection from the cochlea to the brain. Neural means related to nerve, so neural hearing loss means the nerve that carries the messages from the cochlea to the brain is damaged.



Where Can You Get Your Hearing Tested?

- The Clark County Health Department does hearing screenings. These screenings are done in each school district throughout the county on an annual basis. Screenings are also done at other times of the year.
- Referrals are made for those who may have hearing problems.
- If your doctor thinks you have hearing loss they may refer you to an audiologist (hearing doctor). They can then figure out the best way to correct your hearing loss, and provide suggestions for learning and communication.

How Is Hearing Loss Treated?

The kind of treatment depends on the type of hearing loss and how severe it is.

Common treatments include medicine, operations, hearing aids or assistive listening devices which emphasize voices and help hear better in noisy settings.

Impact of Hearing Loss

- Reduced Speech Perception
- Speech/Language Delay
- Reduced Academic Achievement
- Lowered Self-esteem
- Isolation



Please contact the Health Department if you have any questions about hearing screenings or would like to have your hearing tested.

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