

# The brilliance of babies

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## Parents know their babies are...

Beautiful  
Clever  
Sweet  
Loving  
Funny  
Alert  
Sociable  
Determined  
Energetic  
Communicative



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## A hearing impairment can interfere by...

- Making many extra demands
- Modifying interaction
- Throwing the future into question



## Typically hearing babies use audition to:

- Learn about the world
- Predict and anticipate
- Gain comfort & reassurance
- Hear voices & take vocal turns
- Trigger interactions with carers

***The parents' experience of a child with impaired hearing may feel very different***

## Effective intervention seeks to manage and ameliorate these effects by...

- Giving parents the belief that they can make a difference
- Providing parents with the tools and strategies that allow them to help the brilliance of their own baby to emerge.

## What is the purpose of a session?

- Give information
- Check technology
- Answer questions
- Listen to concerns
- **Make their communication with their child more effective**

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## As a parent, what would you want from the session?

- A sense that you can make a difference
- Knowledge that your child learned something today, and that you know what step comes next
- You and your baby connected and enjoyed yourselves



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## Summary

- Learning in babyhood is founded on the parent-infant relationship
- Intervention seeks to support the relationship, and reveal the baby's capabilities



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