

# Risk Assessment: Parent, Caregiver, Teacher, and Child Observation of Complaints and Behaviors

## Ages

All ages, especially in younger children

## Purpose

To assess for indicators of potential hearing loss

## Procedure

Ask the child to report any complaints about his or her ears. Ask the parents, caregivers, or teachers to report any abnormal listening behaviors.

## Complaints

- Pain in the ear(s)
- Fullness in the ear(s)
- Noise in the ear(s)
- Drainage from the ear(s)
- Cannot hear

## Behaviors

- Tugs at the ear(s)
- Asks to have things repeated
- Turns side of head towards the speaker
- Is inattentive to conversation
- Watches speaker's lips
- Shows strain when listening
- Has difficulty with phonics
- Tends to isolate
- Talks too loudly or softly
- Has a speech problem
- Is not working to capacity in school
- Makes frequent mistakes in following directions
- Tends to be passive

## PASS

Children for whom no hearing loss indicators are identified do not require referral.

## REFER

Children with any complaints or concerns should be referred to their primary care provider to determine appropriate treatment or referrals.