

Grant Wood AEA's "Red Flags" for Hearing Problems in Children

Do you know how to access a free hearing screening for a child?

Grant Wood Area Education Agency has audiologists on staff who perform hearing screenings for children from birth-graduation in Benton, Cedar, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, Washington counties.

Grant Wood AEA's audiologists suggest that parents might help identify potential problems with their child's hearing by looking over this list of "red flags" for hearing problems. If a child displays any or all of these symptoms, they note, he could have a hearing problem.

Red Flags for Hearing Problems

- Constantly tired, easily fatigued
- Chronic colds, runny nose, and earaches
- Doesn't respond when back is turned
- Watches face for clues
- Often says "Huh?" or "What?"
- Short attention span
- Copies others' work
- Easily distracted
- Poor classroom behavior
- Quiet and not involved
- Needs instructions repeated
- Poor comprehension skills
- Receptive, expressive language delay
- Speaks loudly
- Speech delay

If parents have concerns about these or other potential hearing problems, they should consider contacting their family physician for a consultation or contact Grant Wood AEA to schedule a hearing test. Please call 319-399-6700 or use the 'contact us' form at gwaea.org.

