Listening Troubles and Little Kids

We would like to acknowledge the Central Arrernte people as the traditional owners and custodians for Mparntwe Alice Springs.

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What is hearing loss?

Sounds come in here. Infection blocks the sounds going through.
Hearing loss can change kids’ behaviour

Kids with hearing loss can…
- Stop listening to people
- Humbug people all the time
- Want to be alone
- Be hard to understand
- Get upset with changes
- Have trouble sharing
- Be too shy with new people
Lots of kids can’t hear well

- Studies show that 90% of young children in Aboriginal communities have current ear disease or signs of damage to the ear drum from past ear disease.
- Kids who go to childcare get more ear disease.
- Hand washing can really helps!
- Knowing the signs really helps!
- Getting kids checked out helps!
You can help!

- Breastfeed
- No Smoke
- Get good health care
- Wash, wash, wash
- Blow noses
You can help!

- Show when you tell
- Talk - just with them
- Face-to-face talk
- Talk in quiet places
- Talk about what they like
- No distractions
Thank you!

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- For more information on issues associated with conductive hearing loss go to: www.eartroubles.com