Did you know? Babies are born with their heart, their liver, and their lungs all working.

Every organ is working except the brain. Baby's brain is waiting on input from the outside world to begin to grow. For the brain to grow, it must receive lots of input from caregivers. This baby’s brain will be 90% of its adult size by three years old. Our brains grow the most during the first 2 years of life.

What does that mean?
Babies brains will NOT grow without their caregivers taking care of them. Your baby must grow within the responsive care of you! Every time you snuggle baby, soothe their cries, feed and support their sleep you are growing your baby’s brain. Every time your baby is not wearing their hearing technology are times that are missed for their brain to grow.

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What can I do?

- Be sure your baby wears hearing aids all the time while awake. Then you are sure baby can hear everything you say.

- Be responsive to your baby’s cues --- is baby fussing? Crying? Happy? Answer all of these with words that describe how baby is feeling! A caregiver may say, “Are you needing a bottle? Are you hungry?”

- Commit to attending audiology sessions and Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) sessions.

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