

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR BETTER START FUNDING? Children aged under 6 years

Diagnosis of child	Eligibility for Better Start funding	What next?	Early intervention options NOT requiring Better Start funding	Early intervention options and Better Start
Child with bilateral hearing loss of 40dB or greater in the better ear across four frequencies	Eligible for Better Start funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for Better Start - call 1800 242 636 Research early intervention options 	State and Territory governments provide early intervention services for children with a bilateral hearing loss.	When a child is registered for Better Start, parents will receive information from the Referral and Information Service regarding early intervention providers.
Child with bilateral hearing loss of 40dB or greater in the better ear across four frequencies and additional needs	Eligible for Better Start funding. Children with additional needs can only access one funding package.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for Better Start - call 1800 242 636 Research early intervention options 	State and Territory governments provide early intervention services for children with a bilateral hearing loss as well as other disability services.	A list of providers is also available on the FaHCSIA website.
Child with bilateral hearing loss of 40dB or less in the better ear across four frequencies	Not eligible for Better Start funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research early intervention options 	State and Territory governments may provide early intervention services for your child.	Early intervention services for deaf and hearing impaired children may provide early intervention. There may be a fee for services.
Child with bilateral hearing loss of 40dB or less in the better ear across four frequencies and additional needs	Not eligible for Better Start funding for hearing loss. May be eligible for Better Start funding if the child has been diagnosed with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, Fragile X syndrome or moderate vision impairment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register for Better Start, if eligible - call 1800 242 636 Research early intervention options 	State and Territory governments may provide early intervention services for your child.	Early intervention services for deaf and hearing impaired children may provide early intervention. There may be a fee for services.
Child with a unilateral hearing loss	Not eligible for Better Start funding for their hearing loss.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research early intervention options 	State and Territory governments may provide early intervention services for your child.	Early intervention services for deaf and hearing impaired children may provide early intervention. There may be a fee for services.

Please note: It is recommended that you attend early intervention services that specialise in children with hearing loss.