



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

# Audiology

Audiologists are hearing healthcare professionals who can help identify, assess, and manage hearing loss. Difficulty hearing can significantly affect a child's language, behaviour, and academic development. Through proper identification, treatment, and management, the quality of a child's life can be enhanced. Should a child be identified with a hearing loss, the child may require:

- A referral to a physician for a suspected ear infection
- Cerumen (wax) removal
- A hearing aid prescription if the hearing loss is permanent
- An FM system for their classroom so they can hear better in noisy environments



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A service application can be submitted by anyone involved with the child (nursing station, parent, grandparents, aunt, uncle, teacher, etc.). Once the service application has been processed you will be placed on a waitlist. Once an audiologist is available, you will be contacted regarding an appointment. The audiologist will meet with the parent and/or caregiver of the child and discuss the concerns.

The audiologist will complete an age-appropriate assessment of the child's hearing, and then provide a written report to the family and whoever else requires a copy.

Depending on the child's developmental skills, the assessment may be performed in community or at our office in Sioux Lookout. The audiologist will always try and complete as much of the testing in community as possible, but some advance testing must be performed in a sound-proof testing booth.

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### For More Information

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