

···YOU KNOWP···

LITERACY SKILLS DEVELOP AS SOON AS A CHILD IS BORN.



Literacy means being able to **read** for understanding and enjoyment and to **write** about your thoughts and ideas. Good hearing is important to help a child develop these language skills.

Newborn hearing screening provides parents and healthcare professionals with important early information about a child's ability to hear the language around them. One in every 300 children in BC is born with a hearing impairment. **Be sure to have your child's hearing screened and follow-up on any recommendations to prevent a delay in speech and language development.**

