

# Ears2Learn – Helping your children to thrive

## ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Ears2Learn helps your child thrive. Early detection and intervention in ear health shapes children's lifelong development, health and learning.

There are now more ways to access ear checks for children in Kwinana and Cockburn. Our Ear Screens are conducted by trained para-professionals in early learning and community settings with a focus on all children aged 0 - 5 years. The program provides ongoing surveillance and support for parents accessing treatment pathways.

Ear Screeners have their results reviewed by Audiologists from Earbus Foundation of WA and complete 6 monthly competencies to ensure a high standard of care is being delivered.

Ears2Learn is a partnership between Connecting Community for Kids, Earbus Foundation of WA, Goodstart Early Learning and The Smith Family.

## IMPORTANCE OF EAR SCREENING



Early detection and intervention is key to children reaching their full potential through listening and learning



If not diagnosed and treated, middle ear infections can have serious developmental consequences



Good ear health is important for early childhood development as ear infections can lead to hearing loss and consequently falling behind at school



Ear infections lead to repeat illnesses and absences from school



Poor ear health can lead to delayed speech and language skills

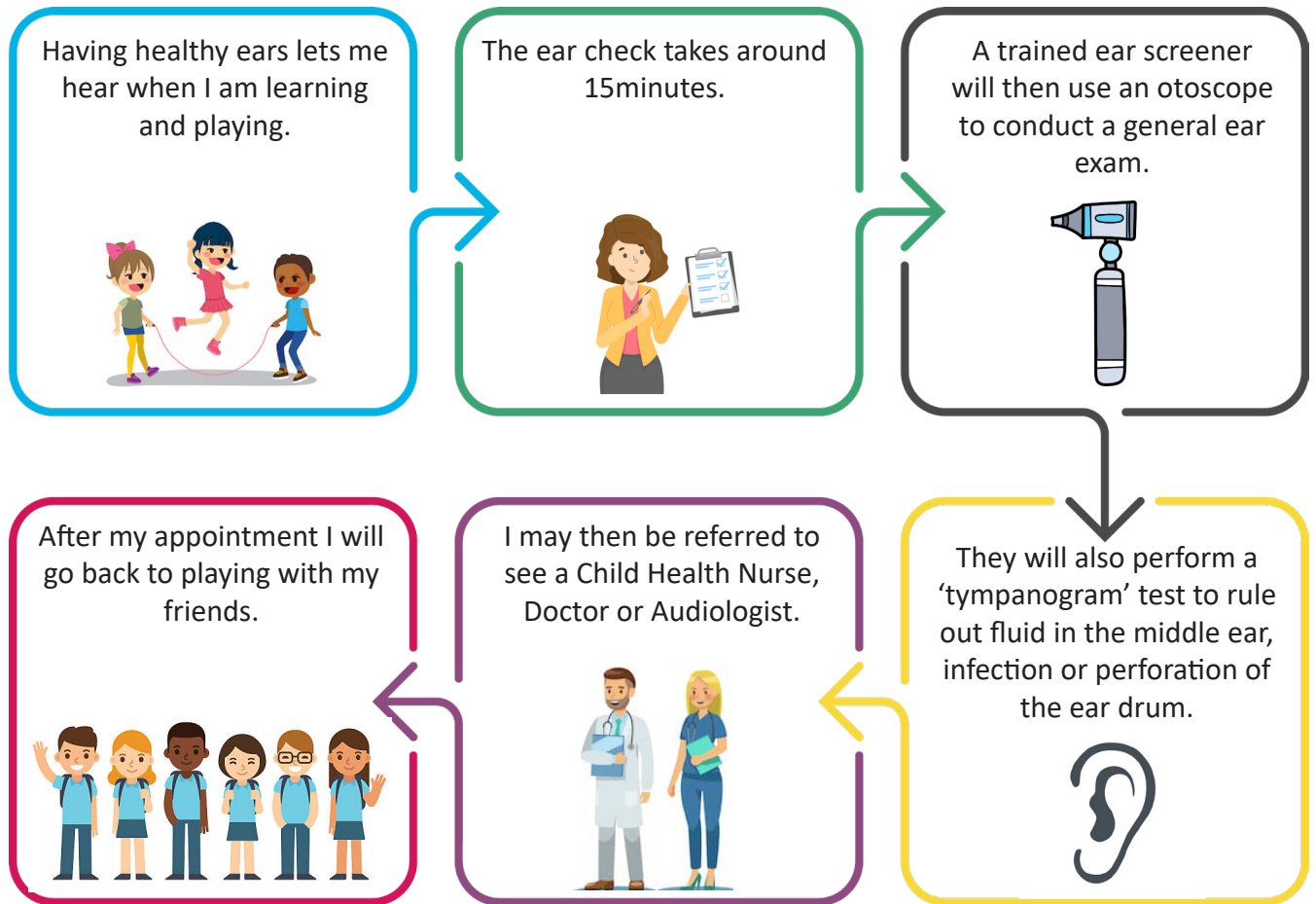
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# How CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED



"This is a really important project for Earbus. The earlier we can detect and diagnose ear disease and hearing loss the more likely kids are to meet all the important developmental markers."

**Paul Higginbotham CEO, Earbus Foundation of WA**

"I completed some ear screens in our Nursery room and came across Jane who is 23 months old. Jane's left ear was bulging, red and very inflamed so I informed mum who took her to see the GP."

**Trained Ear Screener**

"We went to see the Doctor and Jane has a perforated eardrum. Thanks so much for organising things like the ear checks. If it wasn't for that, we would not have any idea about Jane's ear! The Doctor was amazed she hasn't been screaming so thankfully you guys picked it up."

**Parent of 23 month old child screened at her Early Learning Centre**



**Your nearest participating  
Ears2Learn Centre is**