

## [SERTOMA SPEECH & HEARING CENTER: FREE, HEARING SCREENINGS](#)

[The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association \(ASHA\)](#) states the following about hearing screenings:

*Hearing screening tests provide a quick and cost effective way to separate people into two groups: a pass group and a fail group. Those who pass hearing screening are presumed to have no hearing loss. Those who fail are in need of an in-depth evaluation by an audiologist and may also need follow-up care from other professionals.*

*Hearing screening occurs from birth throughout the adult years when requested, when conditions occur that increase risk for hearing loss, or when mandated by state and local laws or practices.*

*It is recommended that all hearing screening programs be conducted under the supervision of an audiologist holding the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's (ASHA) Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC).*



### **We offer hearing screenings for every age group**

One of our missions is to offer hearing screenings to the community. They are performed by professional audiologists, take about 15 minutes to complete, and are painless. For adults — anyone 21 and older — there is no cost for a hearing screening with us.

### **We also offer professional hearing screenings for**

- Newborns and infants
- Older infants and toddlers
- Preschoolers
- School-age children and adolescents (5-18 years of age)
- To learn more about risk factors and screening techniques for these populations, [click here](#).

You're also welcome to call one of our clinics for more information. For our locations and phone numbers, [click here](#).

### **Why should adults get their hearing screened?**

Here's what [ASHA](#) has to say about adult-hearing screenings.

*Hearing loss is a prevalent, chronic condition among adults of all ages. It is recognized that hearing loss increases as a function of age, especially for frequencies at 2000 Hz and above.*

*However, adults tend to ignore its effects, delay their decision to seek audiologic services, and tend to put off recommended treatments.*

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*While more than 30% of people over 65 have some type of hearing loss, 14% of those between 45 and 64 have hearing loss. Close to 8 million people between the ages of 18 and 44 have hearing loss.*

*Adult hearing screening programs are considered voluntary. It is recommended, however, that adults be screened at least every decade through age 50 and at 3-year intervals thereafter.*

### **Now is the time for a hearing screening**

We offer no-cost, hearing screening at all three of our clinics, [Homewood](#), [Palos Hills](#), [Romeoville](#).

**To schedule your screening, call 708-599-9500**



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