***Guide to Frequently Used Acronyms and Terms***

* ***ABR****: Auditory Brainstem Response.  A non-invasive hearing test that measures response to auditory stimuli through brainstem. Often used for screening newborns*
* ***ASL****: American Sign Language*
* ***A-V****: Auditory Verbal. A method of teaching children with hearing loss to listen and speak without relying on visual means*
* ***BOA****: Behavioral Observation Audiometry.  A hearing test that assesses a baby’s behavior in response to sound (Startle, eye movement, head movement, sucking cessation)*
* ***dB****: Decibel. A unit of measure for the perceived loudness of sound*
* ***Hearing Screen****: A brief or limited evaluation of a person’s ability to hear fully.  If indicated by the screening, individual should then be referred for a secondary screening and/or a fully diagnostic hearing test*
* ***OAE****: Otoacoustic Emission.  A passive audiological test that verifies cochlear (inner ear) activity*
* ***TC****: Total Communication. An approach to education of deaf students which combines speech, sign language and finger-spelling*

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