

## BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE EARS

Ear infections or middle ear fluid occur in nearly two-thirds of all children by the age of three years! Ear infections are the most common reason children see the doctor. Ear infections can lead to fluid behind the eardrum, leading to a temporary hearing loss. When the fluid is gone hearing usually goes back to normal. This can take up to three months. Frequent ear infections can cause difficulties with pronunciation, language and learning.

If your child has an ear problem, be sure to let the teacher know. Ear problems can make it hard for your child to hear, listen and learn at school. If the hearing loss persists, ask the school's Public Health Nurse to screen your child's hearing.

For more information contact:

- ◆ Your local Health Unit Hearing Clinic

### Hearing Clinics:

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