CHILDREN’S HEARING AID PILOT PROGRAM (CHAPP)

Helping Utah Families to Provide Early Access to Hearing Aids for Their Children

H.B. 157 (2013 General Session) created a two-year pilot program within the Department of Health to provide hearing aids to qualifying children with hearing loss. This legislation was sponsored by Representative Rebecca Edwards and became UCA 26-10-11 Children’s Hearing Aid Pilot Program. Rule R398-3 was approved on 10/08/2013. The first applications for funding were approved on 11/07/2013.

The CHAPP Advisory Committee has met formally 15 times to date. PRIOR to the official program launch after rules approval on 10/08/2013, financial and eligibility criteria were determined.

In addition, the following forms were developed:

- CHAPP Financial Form
- Audiologist Application
- Participant Application
- Payment Request Cover Sheet
- FAQs for Families
- FAQs for Audiologists

All of the above program forms can be found on our website: health.utah.gov/CHAPP

19 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN APPROVED
29 HEARING AIDS HAVE BEEN FIT

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**CHAPP Applicants by age**

- 0-3 mos
- 3-6 mos
- 6-9 mos
- 9-12 mos
- 12-18 mos
- 18-24 mos
- 24-30 mos
- 30-36 mos

**GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF CHAPP RECIPIENTS:**

- Zachary (left) and Evie (right), CHAPP Recipients

- Myla, CHAPP recipient

100% OF CHAPP RECIPIENTS ARE ENROLLED IN PART C EARLY INTERVENTION (VS. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE OF 60%)

“Every time we hear Zach babble, or he smiles because he can hear our voices we really think of CHAPP. They have made one special boy know what the world sounds like.”

- Whitney Dunn
BEST PRACTICE ASSURANCES:

All participating audiologists must attest that they follow best practice guidelines.

All parents must attest that they agree to complete all appropriate follow-up for their child’s hearing loss and amplification (hearing aid) needs.

All CHAPP recipients must be enrolled and actively participating in early intervention services that provide family support, communication coaching, and monitoring of all aspects of the child’s development.

“YOU ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR CHAPP AND THE SERVICE THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES FOR FAMILIES LIKE OURS.....” - THE BATEMAN FAMILY

“All children with hearing loss should have access to resources necessary to reach their maximum potential.”

- Joint Commission on Infant Hearing Year 2007 Position Statement
Children’s Hearing Aid Pilot Program

CHAPP Community Feedback

“I can’t adequately express my gratitude... [CHAPP] has been a saving grace for our family. We will be forever grateful.”
- Ashley Shawcroft

“Without CHAPP we would have had to put it on a credit card....”
- Kelsie Frandsen

“...we are truly grateful for CHAPP and the service this program provides for families like ours...”
- Bateman Family

“For the infant or young child who is deaf or hard of hearing to reach his or her full potential, carefully designed individualized intervention must be implemented promptly.”

- Joint Commission on Infant Hearing Early Intervention Supplement 2013