



CHILDREN'S HEARING AID PILOT PROGRAM (CHAPP)

HELPING UTAH FAMILIES TO PROVIDE EARLY
ACCESS TO HEARING AIDS FOR THEIR
CHILDREN



Ari, 18 months, CHAPP Recipient

TO QUALIFY FOR CHAPP, A CHILD MUST:

- Be a resident of Utah
- Be diagnosed by an audiologist with pediatric expertise as having hearing loss and in need of hearing aids
- Have their hearing loss medically cleared by a physician
- Be younger than three years old
- Be ineligible to receive a hearing aid through Utah's Medicaid program
- Not have insurance coverage for hearing aids
- Meet the financial criteria for participation (up to 300% of Federal Poverty Guidelines)

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:

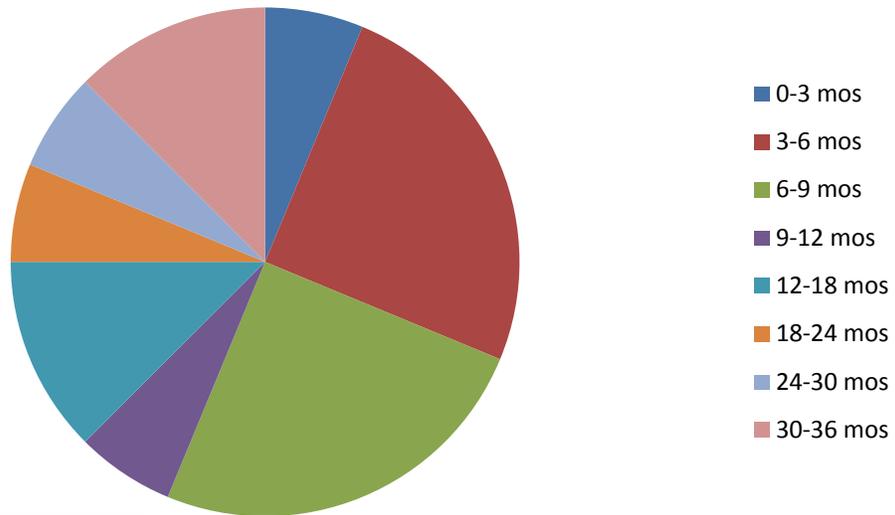
- CHAPP Financial Form
- Audiologist Application
- Participant Application
- Payment Request Cover Sheet
- FAQs for Families
- FAQs for Audiologists

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

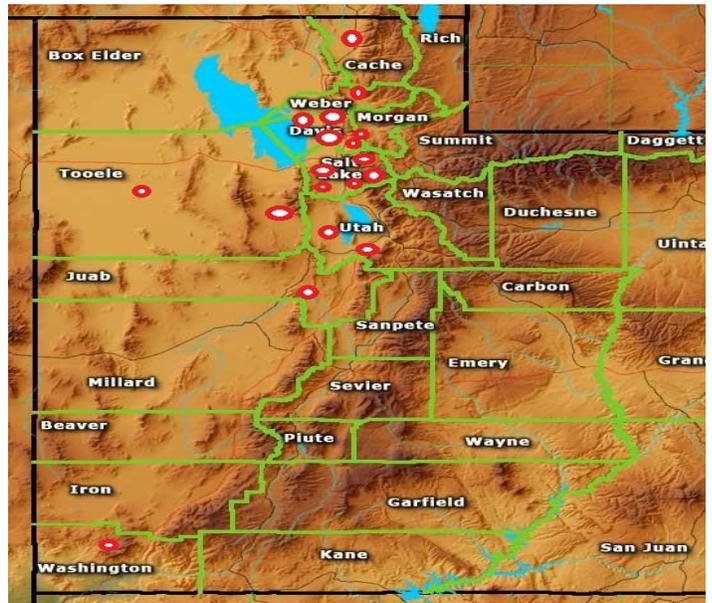


Zachary (left) and Evie (right), CHAPP Recipients

Myla, CHAPP recipient



GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF CHAPP RECIPIENTS:



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



Evie, CHAPP Recipient

BEST PRACTICE ASSURANCES:

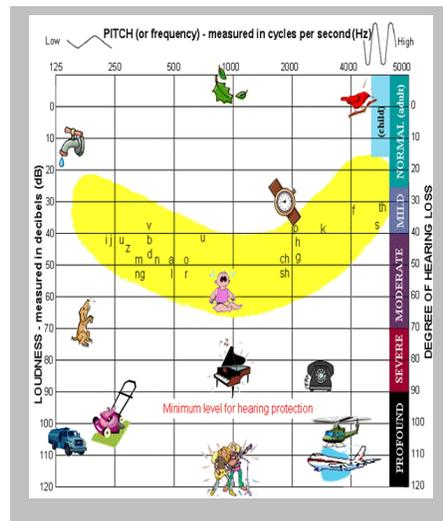
All participating audiologists must attest that they follow best practice guidelines.

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

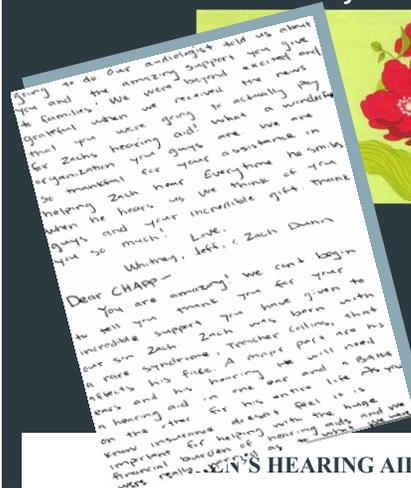
All CHAPP recipients must be enrolled and actively participating in early intervention services that provide family support, communication coaching, and monitoring of all aspects of the child’s development.

Hearing Loss Severity by Ear:

- ✚ Mild – 9
- ✚ Mild/Mod – 15
- ✚ Moderate – 1
- ✚ Mild to Mod/Severe-1
- ✚ Mod to Severe – 2
- ✚ Severe – 1
- ✚ Profound – 1
- ✚ Atresia - 1



CHAPP Community Feedback



“You are amazing! We can’t begin to tell you thank you for your incredible support...”

THE BATEMAN FAMILY'S HEARING AID PILOT PROGRAM

“WE 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.”

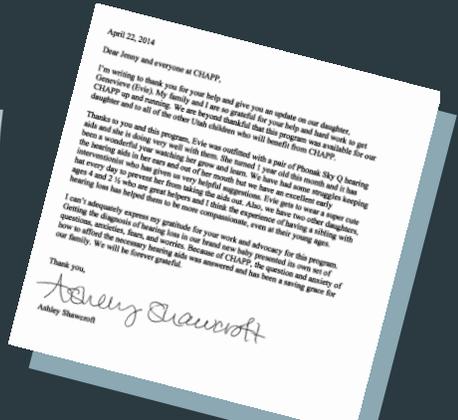
- Joint Commission on Infant Hearing Year 2007 Position Statement

Children's Hearing Aid Pilot Program

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"I can't adequately express my gratitude... [CHAPP] has been a saving grace for our family. We will be forever grateful."

- Ashley Shawcroft



Evie, CHAPP Recipient

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"Without CHAPP we would have had to put it on a credit card..."

- Kelsie Frandsen



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CHAPP Community Feedback

"... we are truly grateful for CHAPP and the service this program provides for families like ours..."

- Bateman Family



CHILDREN'S HEARING AID PILOT PROGRAM

"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."