

Children's Hearing Aid Resources

Here are some steps parents can take when trying to find hearing aid assistance for their children. They can start by looking to their own private insurance and then go down the list.

NOTE: It is required by law that children be fit for hearing aids by an audiologist, rather than a hearing aid dispenser.

- 1.) **Personal Insurance** – Oklahoma law requires many group health insurance or health benefit plans to provide coverage for audiological services and hearing aids for children up to 18 years of age. There are some insurance companies, however, that do not fall under the jurisdiction of this law.
http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/ Select "Oklahoma Statutes & Constitution", then enter 36-6060.7 in "Search Oklahoma Statutes."
- 2.) **Medicaid/SoonerCare** – Contact the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to determine eligibility for services between 8:30-4:30, Monday thru Friday.
1-800-522-0310 http://www.ohca.state.ok.us/
- 3.) **Department of Rehabilitation Services (Children's Hearing Aid Program)** – Provides two hearing aids per qualified child. This resource is only available if the child is unable to obtain hearing aids through Medicaid or private insurance. Information and/or application available at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf Student Assessment Center. *(580) 622-4938 or 1-866-309-1717*
- 4.) **Hearts for Hearing Organization** – Funding available for **initial** set of hearing aids. Program is currently for children 5 and under with a significant bilateral hearing loss and committed to a spoken language communication option. Eligibility requirements: *(405) 548-4300 or visit website at <http://www.heartsforhearing.org/Websites/hfh/Images/Financial%20Assistance%20Form.pdf>*
- 5.) **SHARP (Sertoma Hearing Aid Recycling Program)** – Assists children who do not qualify for other programs, by offering one or two behind-the-ear, reconditioned hearing aids per child or by providing up to \$200 per ear to use towards the purchase of new hearing aids. *SHARP c/o TSHA - (918) 832-8742. <http://www.tsha.cc/hearingaids.htm>*
- 6.) **ABLE Tech low interest loans** – Low-interest loans that provide individuals the opportunity to borrow money for the purchase of needed assistive technology, including hearing aids for all ages. *1-888-885-5588 <http://okabletech.okstate.edu> – visit the "Financing Activities" link.*

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