

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.

- 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. Child must have significant bilateral hearing loss & be committed to a spoken language communication option.
Eligibility requirements: *(405) 548-4300 or visit website at http://www.heartsforhearing.org/Websites/hfh/Images/PDF/Criteria.pdf*
- 5.) **CHAP (Children's Hearing Aid Project)** – This is a brand - new program established for families in the Tulsa area whose income is too high for Medicaid, but who still need help. Hearing aids will be provided on a sliding scale basis for children 0 – 18. Contact: *dhiggins@tsha.cc, or (918) 832-8742.*
- 6.) **Easter Seals** - *(405) 239-2525 (Helen Hood). Call to see what help might be possible.*
- 7.) **SHARP** – Assists low-income children who do not qualify for other programs by offering one behind-the-ear, recycled hearing aid per child.
SHARP c/o TSHA - (918) 832-8742.
- 8.) **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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