



Nebraska Children's Hearing Aid Loaner Bank



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Lincoln, Nebraska's
Early Hearing
Detection and
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Hearing loss affects many children every year in the state of Nebraska. Aggregate reports to the Nebraska Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program show that 34 babies born in 2006 had a permanent hearing loss and were fit with amplification. The incidence of hearing loss, on a national level, is 1-3 per 1,000 births and this number doubles by age 4. Unfortunately, most insurance companies do not cover the cost of hearing aids and it takes a substantial amount of time for most parents to secure the funding for their child's personal amplification. Additionally, the time it takes is a critical time in the child's life for learning language. Whether waiting for personal amplification or awaiting cochlear implant surgery, Nebraska needs to have a program in place to provide temporary assistance. This is the role that the Nebraska Children's Hearing Aid Loaner Bank is designed to fulfill.



How can NCHALB serve you?

- Provide a loaner hearing aid for children (up to 18 years) newly identified as deaf or hard-of-hearing
- Hearing aids are loaned for a period of 6 months, with extensions available
- Loaned hearing aid to provide earlier intervention while the family is securing personal amplification or awaiting cochlear implant surgery
- Provide the first set of ear molds, a care kit and supply of batteries
- Provide resource manual to families in need of financial aid



How to obtain a loaner hearing aid:

- This program is based out of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Barkley Memorial Speech and Hearing Clinic and is managed by a graduate assistant.
- Applications and current inventory are available on-line. Call us at (402) 472-0043 or e-mail at nchalb@unlnotesorg.unl.edu for information on accessing these documents (licensed audiologists only).
- Hearing aid(s), care kit and batteries will be shipped to the dispensing audiologist within one week of receiving an approved application.