

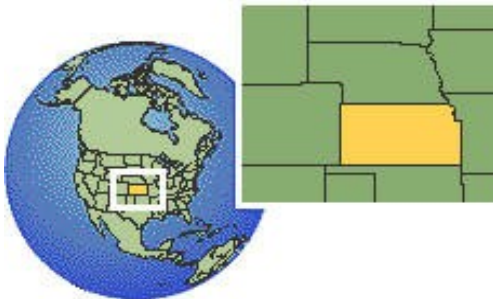
Kansas Cares

Kansas is committed to serving the needs of infants and toddlers identified as deaf and hard of hearing. The Kansas Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank strives to provide another opportunity for early intervention services.

Additional resources available for infants and toddlers who are deaf and hard of hearing may be obtained by contacting Sound Beginnings at KDHE

SoundBeginnings

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Kansas State School for the Deaf Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank

Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank Administrator
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Olathe, KS 66061

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Kansas Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank

**Serving Infants
and Toddlers
Birth to 36 months**

**Kansas State School for the Deaf
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History

The Kansas Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank was established in July 2007 after Sound Beginnings suggested to the Kansas legislature in 2006 that funding be secured to establish a hearing aid loan bank for infants and toddlers, birth to 36 months of age, who are identified with hearing loss.



At the request of Sound Beginnings, the Kansas School for the Deaf administers the Kansas Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank.

Purpose

The purpose of the loan bank is to provide audiologists with hearing aids for short term loan (up to six months) on newly identified infants and toddlers up to 3 years of age with no waiting on preauthorization, deductibles, cochlear implant approvals or other preapprovals which may delay acquiring hearing aids.

Audiologists should refer the child's family to the local *tiny-k* network to begin early intervention and help families find funding for personal hearing aids when the hearing loss has been identified.

The Kansas Infant/Toddler Hearing Aid Loan Bank will provide hearing aids only to the audiologist. It is the audiologist's responsibility to appropriately fit and manage the child's amplification. The audiologist should obtain fitting software for the hearing aid devices by contacting the manufacturer directly. Earmolds are not provided or funded through the loan bank.

Requests

To request hearing aids from the loan bank, audiologists should complete the

Kansas Hearing Aid Loan Bank Application Form*

Fax, mail or email the completed application to:

Kansas Infant/Toddler
Hearing Aid Loan Bank
Administrator
c/o Kansas School for the Deaf
450 E. Park
Olathe, KS 66061
Fax: 913.324.0601
Email: atu@ksd.state.ks.us

*Application forms may be obtained by request at the above contact.