



UDOH Building Block Requests

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MISSION & VISION



The Utah Department of Health's mission is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability, and premature death; assuring access to affordable, quality health care; and promoting healthy lifestyles.



Our vision is for Utah to be a place where *all* people can enjoy the best health possible, where *all* can live and thrive in healthy and safe communities.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Healthiest People – The people of Utah will be among the healthiest in the country.

Optimize Medicaid – Utah Medicaid will be a respected innovator in employing health care delivery and payment reforms that improve the health of Medicaid members and keep expenditure growth at a sustainable level.

A Great Organization – The UDOH will be recognized as a leader in government and public health for its excellent performance. The organization will continue to grow its ability to attract, retain, and value the best professionals and public servants.



Building block requests:

Children's Hearing Aid Program

Healthcare Workforce Financial Assistance Program

Children's Hearing Aid Program



Created in statute by HB18 (Rep. Becky Edwards) in 2015, serves children who:

- Younger than six
- Have hearing loss diagnosed by a pediatric audiologist and have been cleared for hearing aids by a physician
- Utah resident
- Family income $\leq 300\%$ FPL
- Cannot be Medicaid eligible
- Cannot have private insurance that covers hearing aids

About half of the 116 Utah infants born with hearing loss in 2017 will qualify

Children's Hearing Aid Program



Program Benefits

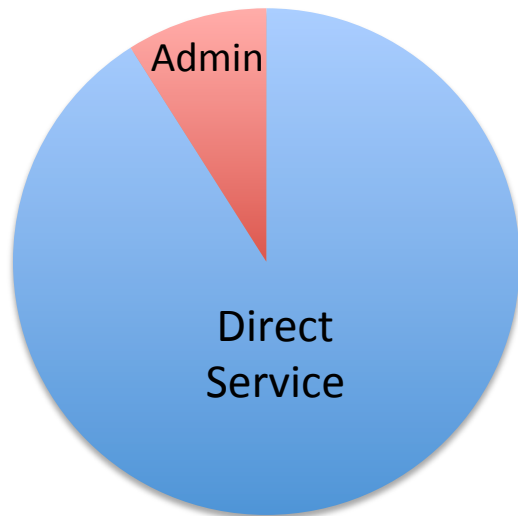
- Speech & language development, social skills, academic achievement, future vocational and social skills
- Avoiding special education services and costs as child
- 12 years of special education costs approximately \$112,000 more than regular education



Children's Hearing Aid Program



FY2018 Budget: \$124,700



34 children received hearing aid devices

Average cost of \$3,338 per child

Funding ran out eight months into the fiscal year

24 children left un-served



Request: \$191,600 ongoing

- Provide hearing aids for *all* eligible children
- Provide two hearing aids for each child
 - Program current provides one hearing aid per child



1,577 Utah
physicians over the
age of 55 will retire
in the next 10
years



Medical School Costs:

\$278,455 private

\$207,868 public



Request: \$300,000 (ongoing)

- Increase the program's capacity to meet growing demand
- Currently supports ~15 providers per year
 - 20,000 total patients
- Increased funding would allow us to support an additional ~7 providers
 - 30,000 total patients
- Allows for \$202,500 federal match

THANK YOU!



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