



Any Baby Can
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Bryan was born with an under-developed right ear and was told by his doctor in Mexico that he will need surgery to aid his hearing. Bryan's family moved to Austin early in 2014 and upon arrival his mother followed up with the school nurse when Bryan started school in the fall of 2014. The parents quickly enrolled Bryan in the community medical assistance program (MAP) but were informed that this clinic card did not cover any specialist visits for him. Although the family lacked access to the medical care coverage Bryan needed for his surgery, they forged ahead in search of such care and started by consulting with the school nurse. His school's collaboration with the area's Northwest Sertoma Club paid for him to see an otolaryngologist. The Children's Ear Nose and Throat Center specialist and audiologist stated that Bryan is still too young for surgery, and the best route to aid his hearing would be a BAHA4 (bone anchored hearing aid) to be held in place by a headband specially designed for this sound processor. Any Baby Can's CARE (comprehensive advocacy and resources for empowerment) social worker met with Bryan's mom and completed an assistance request application to The Shannon Foundation to secure the funds needed for the client's BAHA4 as his MAP card did not cover any of these costs. This collaboration and vital financial assistance from The Shannon Foundation provided the final piece needed to complete this part of Bryan's journey toward quality hearing. Young Bryan can now hear out of his right ear, his family continues to follow up with his medical care and wait the time for his surgery as he grows. Bryan's mother states they are a close and supportive young family and that they are very grateful for The Shannon Foundation's assistance for their young son.