

*Impact of
Medicaid
Reimbursement
in Schools*

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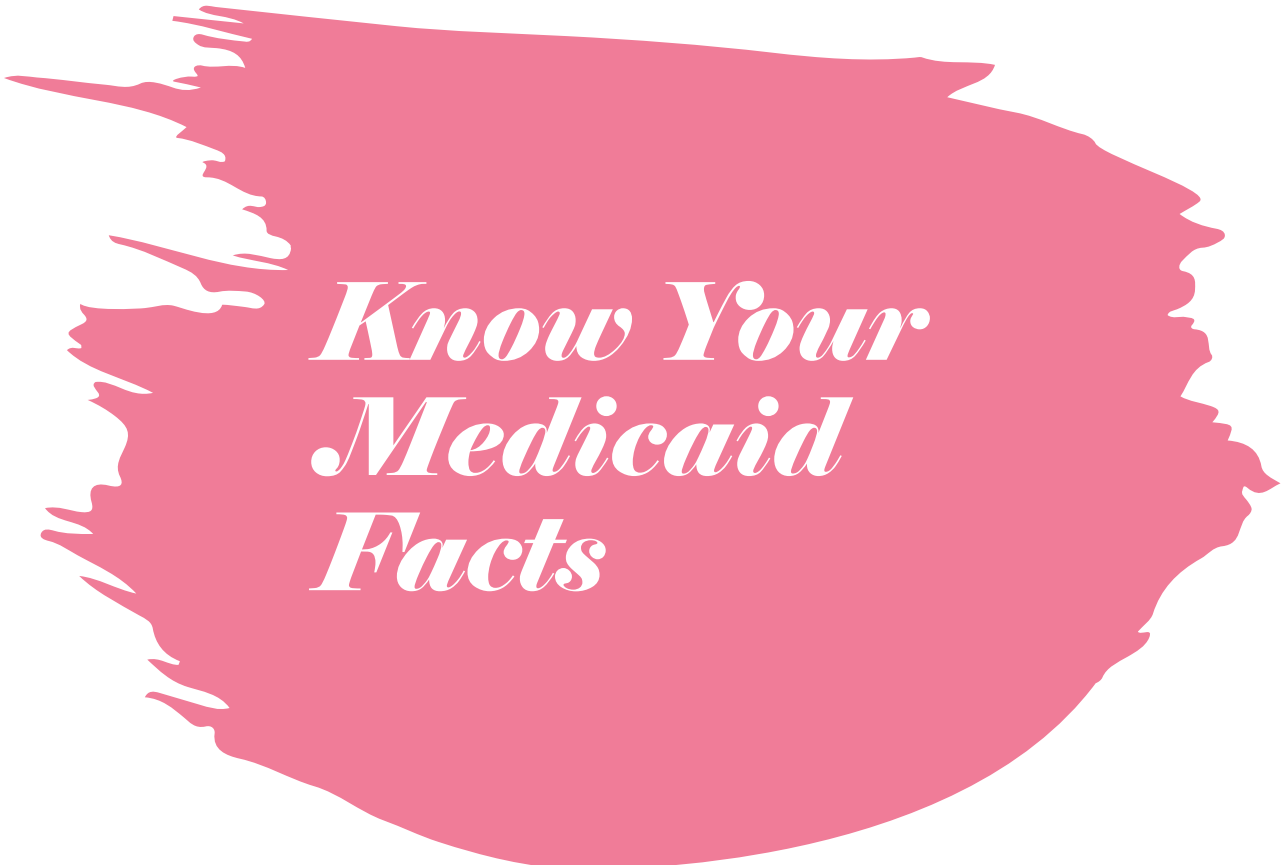


*What does the word
Impact mean?*

**It means different
things to different
people.**

Identify Your Stakeholders

- Students
- Parents
- Financial Department
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- School Psychology
- Social Work
- Transportation
- ESE Department to include ESE teachers
- Human Resources
- Administrators
- Support staff
- Technology department
- Department of Education
- Agency for Health Care Administration

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Know Your Medicaid Facts

According to Center on Budget and Policy Priorities:

- Medicaid and CHIP cover 44 percent of nearly 11.2 million children with special health needs in the U.S.
- Kids with Medicaid have comparable access to health care as those with private insurance.
- Medicaid eligibility in childhood is associated with better overall health in adulthood including a 22 percent reduction in high blood pressure, reduced likelihood of hospitalizations and reduced mortality.
- CHILDREN ELIGIBLE for Medicaid are less likely to drop out of high school and are more likely to earn a bachelor's degree.
- Medicaid improves financial outcomes for children later in life.
- Researchers estimate that the increased amount of taxes contributed would allow the federal government to recoup 56 cents of every dollar spent on Medicaid during childhood.



Active Collaboration

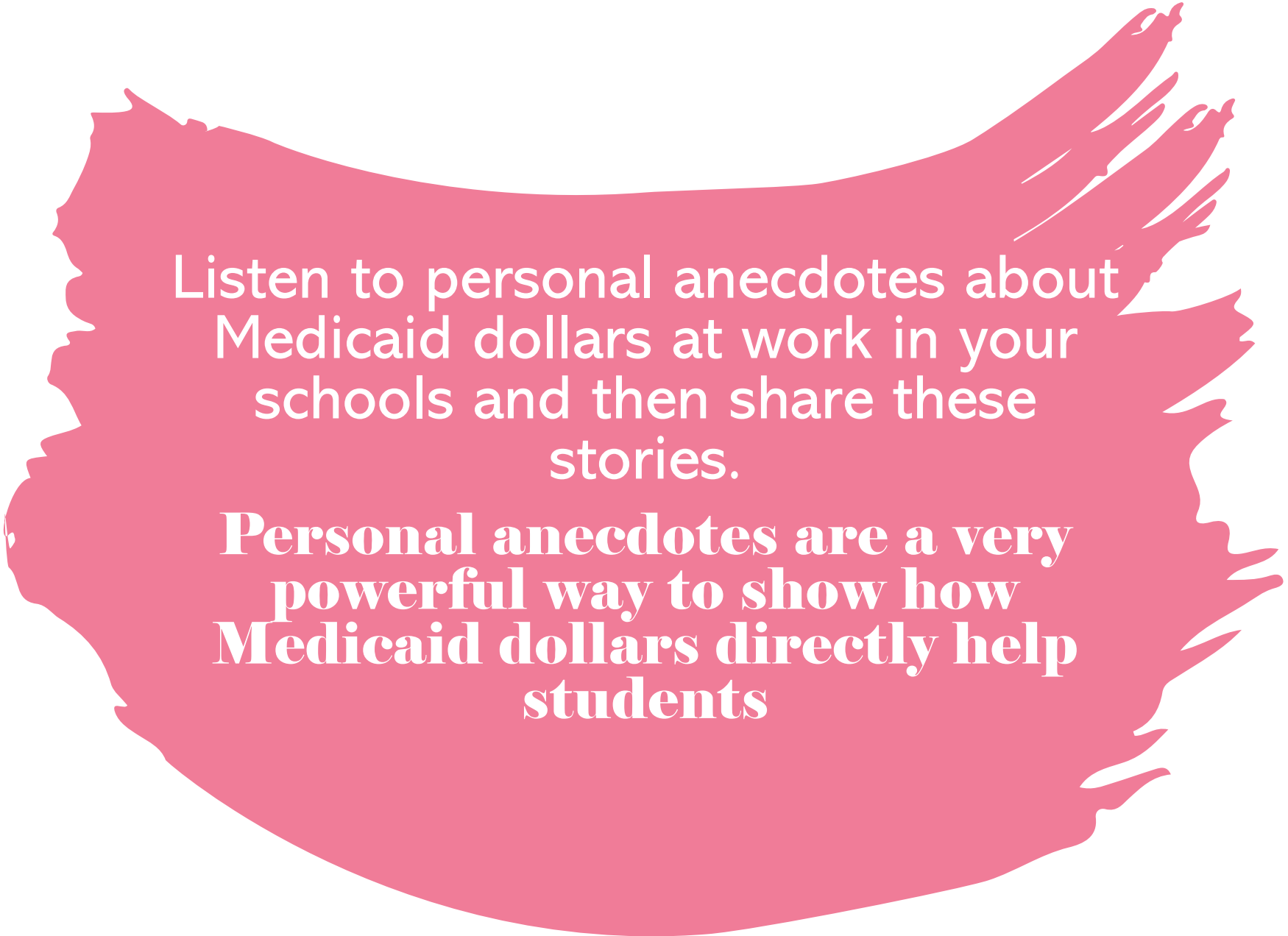
1. Start by communicating with stakeholders who you are and what Medicaid in the schools looks like
2. Explain what Medicaid can do to enhance student health, mental health and academic success
3. Talk to anyone who will listen about Medicaid and how it affects students!!

Be an Advocate for Medicaid

**MEDICAID HELPS SCHOOLS
HELP CHILDREN**

**Share what
Medicaid dollars
do for your
schools.**

- TAKE DATA
- SHOW PICTURES/VIDEOS OF ITEMS PURCHASED WITH MEDICAID DOLLARS



Listen to personal anecdotes about Medicaid dollars at work in your schools and then share these stories.

Personal anecdotes are a very powerful way to show how Medicaid dollars directly help students

Show videos of equipment purchased and make connections to students in your district

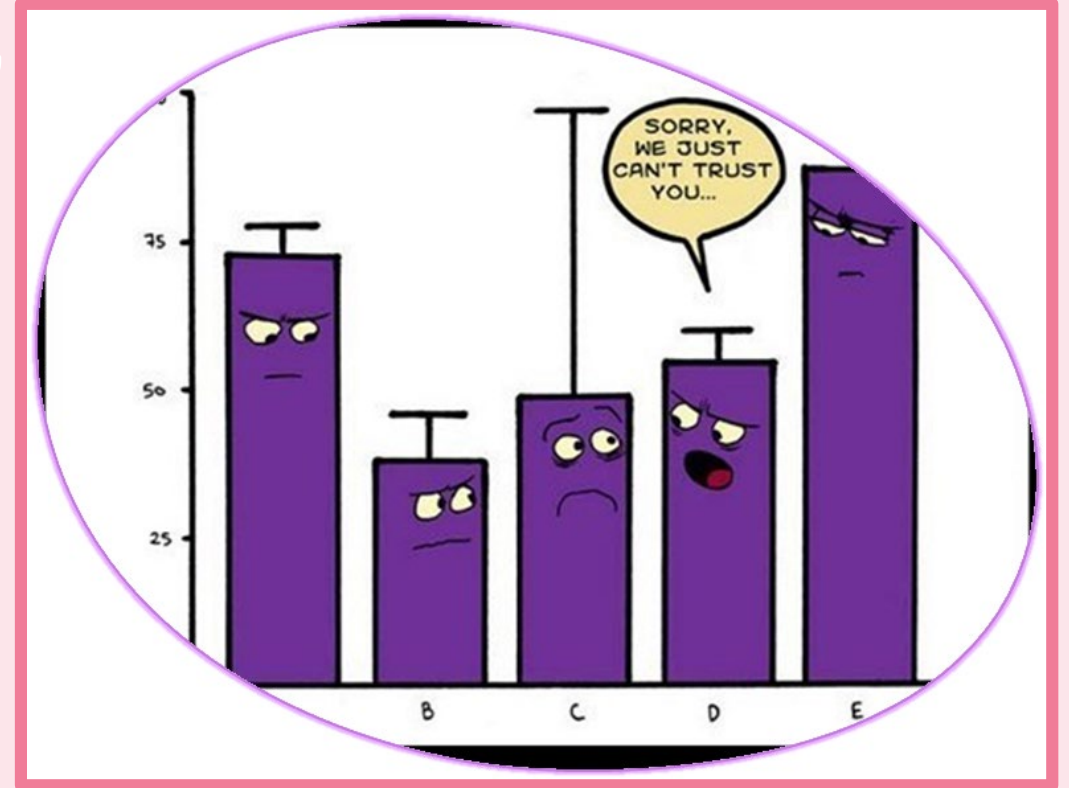


Other ways for Active Collaboration

- Go to Parent Advisory Groups explaining what Medicaid in schools looks like and what it can do to help their children
- Develop work groups with Managing Officers and meet quarterly to discuss Medicaid billing and needs of departments. Pinellas calls these meetings “Round Ups”.
- Introduce yourself to the Finance Department as this is a joint partnership
- Get on the Principals meeting agenda to share what Medicaid is doing and what the providers at the school and the teachers are expected to do
- Get to know your ESE support staff or associates- Help or conduct the trainings on taking attendance on buses
- Personally, visit classrooms to meet the students and teachers that you affect
- Make yourself known at schools

Data, Data, Data

Know your data and be able to interpret it



Ways to collect data:

- Spread sheets for district reimbursements
- Keeping data on programmatic enhancements
- Keep logs of items spent and used by students
- Student anecdotes
- Pictures
- Videos
- Progress Monitoring
- Look at student attendance
- Review benchmarks of nearby communities

***Most Importantly is the Answer to the
Question:
“Why do we bill Medicaid?”***

- I have found videos, pictures and personal anecdotes for most people are the best way to connect

- Pinellas video will be shown next:
*Keep in mind I received parental media release and we have gotten permission from our Media department to use the song “Unforgettable” sung by Nat King Cole.
- Many larger districts have ability to do this



DISCLAIMER:
STUDENTS PICTURES
WITHOUT MASKS
WERE TAKEN PRIOR
TO COVID-19

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Why Medicaid?



STUDENTS ARE UNFORGETTABLE

Medicaid has helped each one of these students reach their highest potential by providing equipment, staff, testing kits, mental and medical health



INDEPENDENCE

MEDICAID DOLLARS
PROVIDED THE
WHITE CANES AND
THE MONOCULAR
VISION



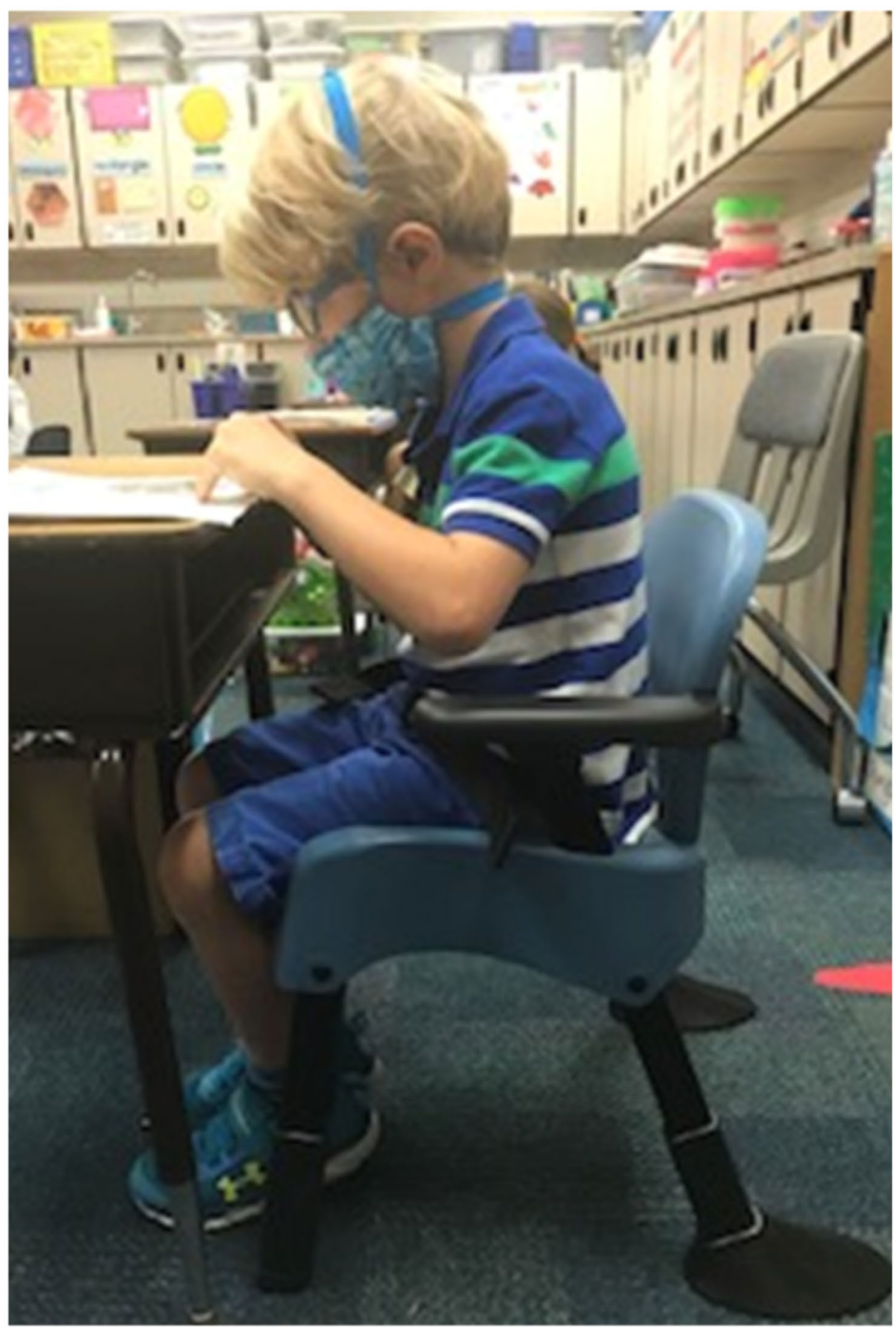




GAIT TRAINER
PURCHASED WITH
MEDICAID DOLLARS

STANDER
PURCHASED
WITH MEDICAID
DOLLARS





COMPASS CHAIR
PURCHASED WITH
MEDICAID DOLLARS



ALL
SMILES!!



ORIENTATION AND
MOBILITY TEACHER,
WHITE CANES- ALL
PURCHASED WITH
MEDICAID DOLLARS



KIDWALK

Allows student to have mobility while being able to use hands. Purchased by Medicaid



STANDER AND GAIT TRAINER
PURCHASED WITH MEDICAID
DOLLARS



MORE AIDE TO OUR VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS



MEDICAID DOLLARS AT WORK

- ▶ VSP voucher program paying for glasses





Children's Mental Health Matters!



MEDICAID PROVIDES
STANDERS AND
EQUIPMENT FOR THE
STUDENTS

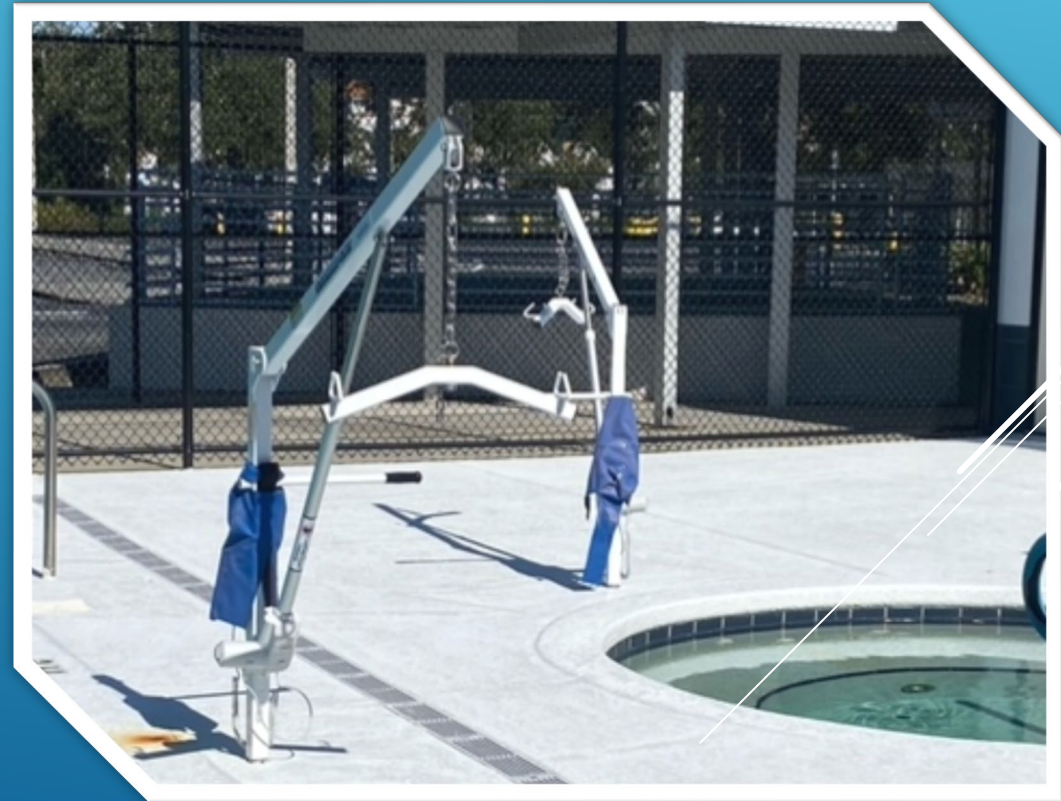
Nursing



Services



- ▶ Pool lifts for our most physically involved children to get out of chairs to stretch and be gravity free





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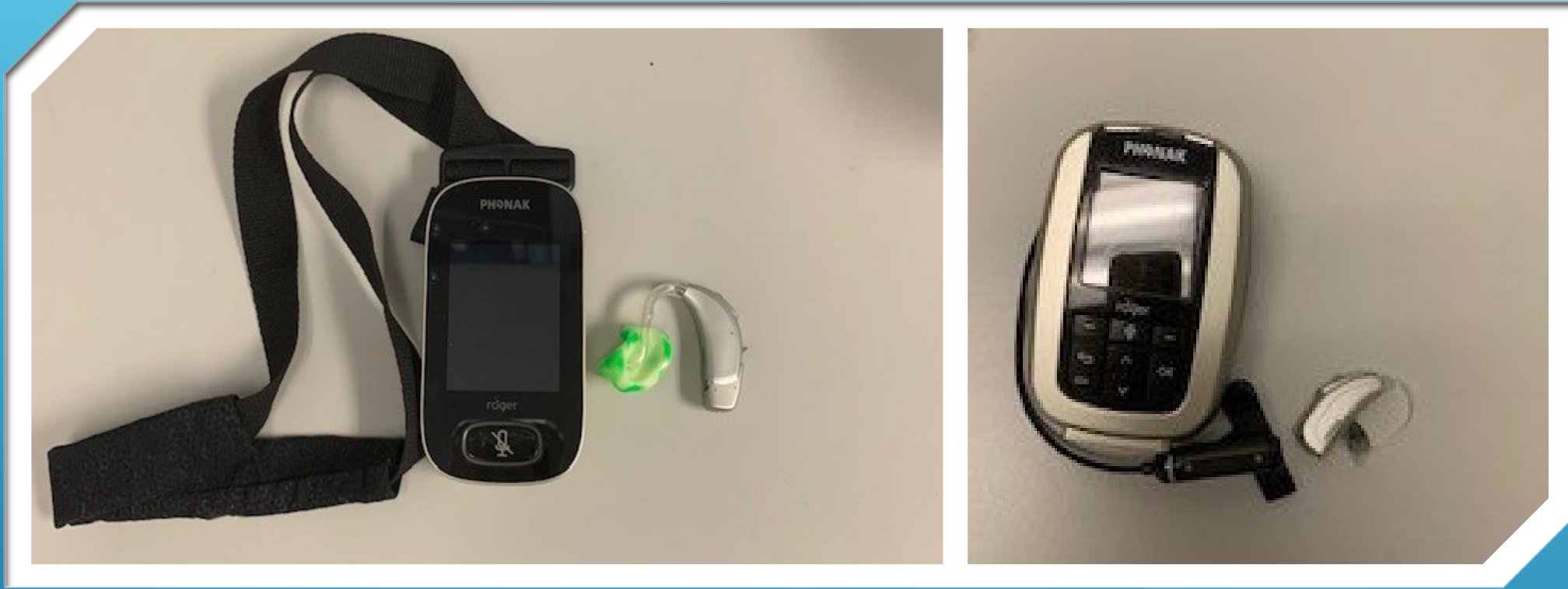


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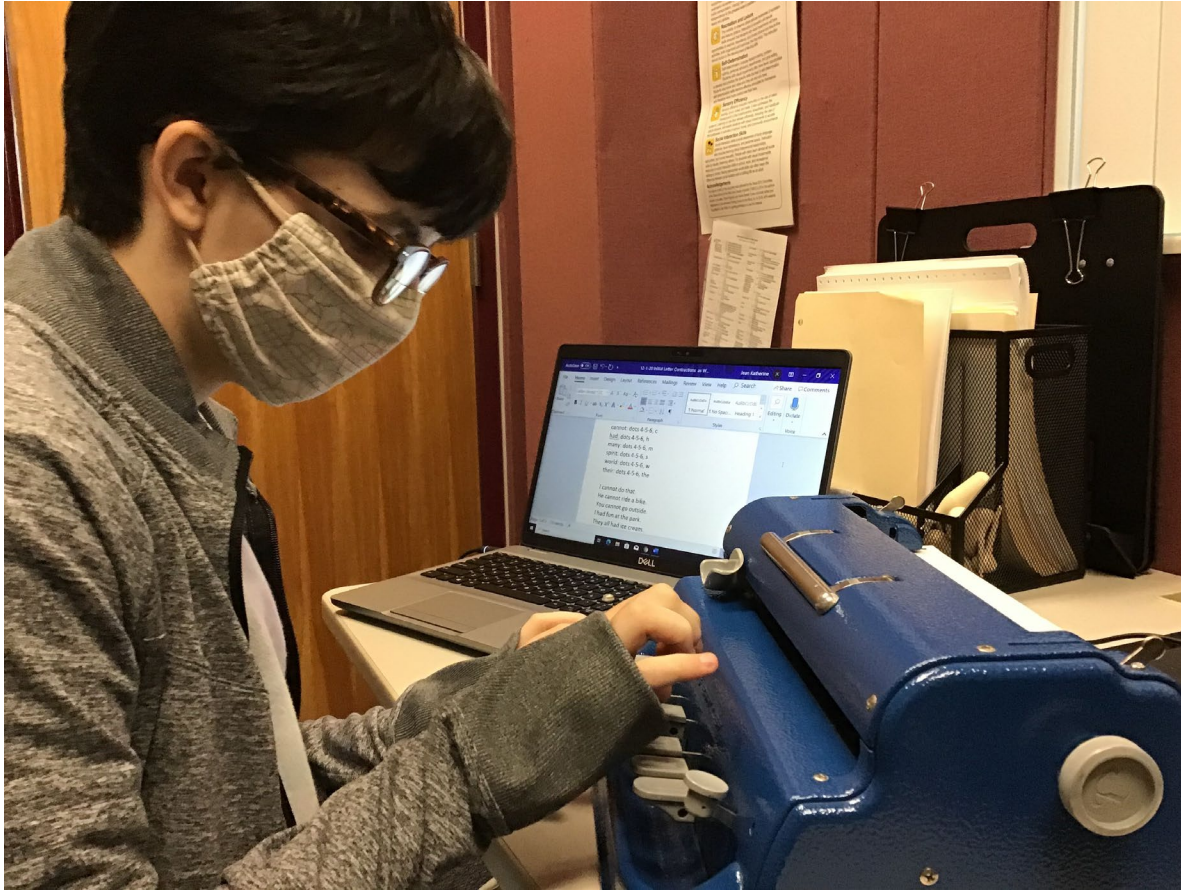
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AUDIOLOGY EQUIPMENT PURCHASED WITH MEDICAID DOLLARS





FM SYSTEMS PURCHASED WITH
MEDICAID DOLLARS

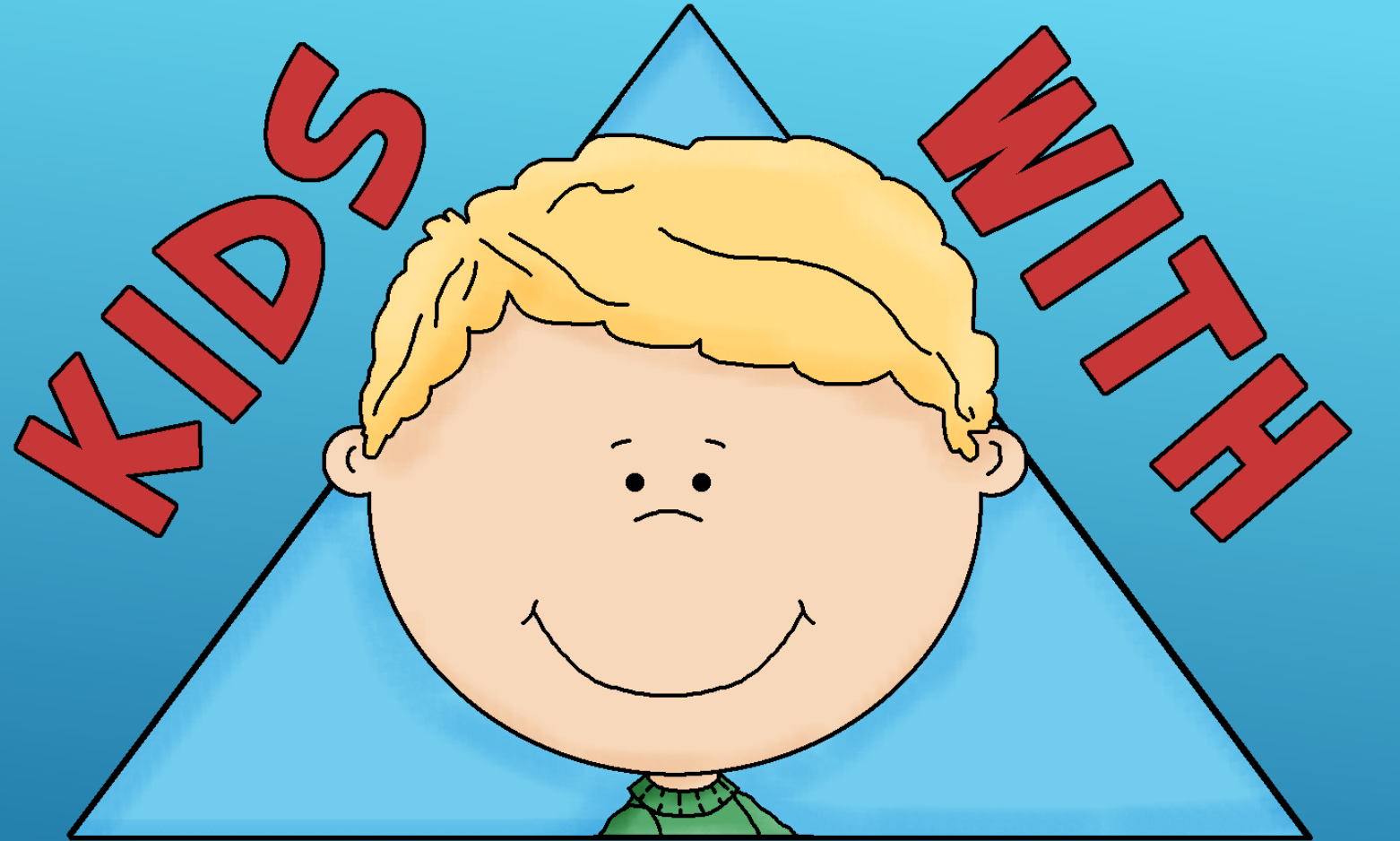


USING AN EMBOSSER
FOR A BRAILLE
ASSIGNMENT IN
CANVAS. MEDICAID
ASSISTED IN PAYING
FOR BLUE TOOTH KEY
BOARD AND
EMBOSSER.



READING BRAILLE THEN ANSWERING
QUESTIONS USING BLUETOOTH KEYBOARD
BRAILLE DISPLAY BOARD PAID FOR BY
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DISABILITIES
ARE JUST KIDS



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