Aaron began beating the odds soon after he was born. His condition--trisomy 13--is fatal within the first year, 90 percent of the time. At two and a half years old, he is something of a pioneer. "Anything he does, we just think it's great," said his mother, Kimberly. With the help of services from the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University, he is learning communication skills and is preparing to walk--not a small feat for a child with a condition that includes decreased muscle tone, hearing loss and low vision. He has been enrolled in the Up to 3 Early Intervention program since his first months. With the help of therapists he has improved his mobility and communication skills. The Assistive Technology Lab in Logan modified a walker for him, to help him move around the house and interact more with his family. He has also received services from the Sound Beginnings program at USU. Kimberly has seen a lot of growth and progress. "He's able to communicate in his own way; he's learned to recognize songs and turn pages in a book, to clap his hands, to sit by himself. He can roll over, he does a half-army crawl to get around, and he is really close to going from a lying position to sitting all by himself," she said. He is also showing signs of preparing to speak. "He's more communicative," Kimberly said. "He's starting to express conversation." He babbles more. He does it all with a smile. "Unless he is hurt, he's always happy," Kimberly said. *Aaron sports a walker that was modified by the CPD's Assistive Technology Lab in Logan.*