



## Arkansas Dental Health & TMJ Therapy Center

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### TMJ Symptoms Can Result From An Injury



**PATRICK HERRING**

My name is Lillie Herring and I am Patrick Herring's mother. I would like to share our experience with Arkansas Dental Health & TMJ Therapy Center. Patrick's journey began on December 25, 2006 when he was jumping on a pogo stick on the front porch of our home. The pogo stick slipped out from under him and when he fell he broke both hinges of his mandible and pushed both top middle permanent teeth up into the gums. The next several days and weeks were filled up with appointments to numerous doctors of dentistry including oral surgeons. We continued to go for appointments for these professionals to observe Patrick; we were told that he was too young for surgery at the age of ten. When Patrick started having new problems with his jaw, a friend of mine suggested that I contact her dentist at Arkansas Dental Health and TMJ Therapy Center. I sent all of Patrick's information to one of her appointments for Dr. Beavers to review. That same afternoon, Dr.

Beavers called me and stated, "I do not mean to alarm you, but you need to get Patrick up here for an evaluation as soon as possible."

On February 7, 2007 we made our first visit to Arkansas Dental Health and TMJ Therapy Center. Patrick was only able to open his mouth approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$ "-1" and was still eating chopped and soft food. Within a few days of seeing Dr. Beavers, Patrick was opening his mouth approximately two inches and had minimal pain. The other symptoms had diminished.

It has been one year now since we first came to Arkansas Dental Health and TMJ Therapy Center and I honestly do not know what would have happened to Patrick had I not brought him. Patrick's appearance has gotten back to normal; he has no pain and has no trouble eating any type of food. I am so proud that God sent us to Dr. Beavers. Patrick loves coming to his office, which makes my job easier!