

South Dakota School for the Deaf

South Dakota Board of Regents

Informational Items

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National Outreach Convention

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

April 25 Kim Wadsworth attended the National Outreach Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Outreach directors worked together sharing information about how each state's outreach program for the deaf and hard of hearing functions and collaborates with families and school districts. Attendees came to realize that no two states' outreach structures look alike.

CEASD

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

Superintendent Marje Kaiser and Outreach Director Kim Wadsworth attended the Conference on Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) on April 25-27 in Indianapolis to discuss relevant topics pertaining to deaf schools and programs.

CEASD President Ron Stern updated participants on the Child First campaign which is marching forward working to secure serious changes that affect the quality education of deaf and hard of hearing students. Other presentation topics included raising student achievement, working with talented and gifted students, keeping programs rigorous, and a legislative update of yearly progress. The River School in Washington DC shared a keynote presentation on their model for inclusion and a very open and transparent panel discussion took place between CEASD and Oral Option Schools.

This conference is valuable because of the great information and networking with other professionals in the field of deaf education.

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SDSD and SERTOMA Partnership

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

A local Sioux Falls Sertoma club recently “adopted” the South Dakota School for the Deaf. Sertoma club member Norma Halstead presented SDSD Superintendent Marje Kaiser and SDSD Foundation President, Pastor Matthew Nix, with a Certificate of

Affiliation at a recent SDSD Foundation board meeting. This collaboration acknowledges mutual dedication to excellence in the delivery of professional and consultative services to deaf and hard of hearing students.



Scholarships Awarded

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

Six students are the recipients of scholarships from the South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) Foundation. The SDSD Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors who have received services from SDSD and provided service to their school and community.

This year the Minnehaha Sertoma Club \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Brennan Witt of Custer. He plans to attend North Dakota State University. The Kevin Roth \$2,000 scholarship was awarded to Michael Janecek of Sioux Falls. He plans to attend Gallaudet University in Washington DC.

Four additional SDSD Foundation scholarships for \$1,000 each were awarded to Jordan Thull of Oldham, attending Lake Area Technical Institute; Alyssa Bogue of Beresford, attending USD; Madison Tinklenberg of Tea, attending the University of Sioux Falls; and Kieran Crain of Watertown, attending Lake Area Technical Institute.

The SDSD Foundation provides financial support for student and family activities sponsored by SDSD statewide as well as scholarships.

First SDSD Summer Institute Sessions Held

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

This spring SDSD hosted the first Summer Institute, "Supporting Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in the Mainstream." Educators, SLP's, and Para-professionals came to the Sioux Falls campus and participated in either one or two of the sessions offered. First session was May 28-29 and second session was June 2-3. SDSD welcomed participants from around the state to

learn about hearing basics, technology, language opportunities, literacy, communication, and social skills for deaf and hard of hearing students. Participants left with a plethora of information, tips, and strategies to use with their students. SDSD hopes to bring the Summer Institute to different areas of the state in the future.



SDSD Picnic

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

May 28, SDSD celebrated the end of the school year with a community picnic for outreach families, alumni, Deaf community, partnering agencies, and SDSD Foundation board members. It

was a nice warm evening with chicken and hamburgers grilled on site. It was a great turn out and everyone had fun socializing and playing yard games.



SERTOMA Grant Supports SRP

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

On June 4 Norma Halstead, SDSD Foundation board member and Sertoma club member, invited Kim Wadsworth to the monthly Sertoma meeting to share about SDSD services and the Shared Reading Project (SRP). The SRP is being brought back to SDSD with a generous Sertoma grant. This grant has been beneficial in purchasing 120 book bags, consisting of a book and DVD with the story signed in American Sign Language (ASL). The SRP

is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to read stories to their deaf and hard of hearing children using ASL and to use strategies to make book sharing most effective. A deaf adult mentor will travel to family homes and work with the parents on the 15 reading principles discussed in the SRP. The project will get started this July with a SDSD/Sertoma club Kick Off celebration in the fall.



Social Media Training

Submitted by Sara Hansen

On June 2-3 Sara Hansen, SDSD Service Coordinator, attended a social media training session to acquire further skills in promoting SDSD on various platforms. Several tech-

niques, apps, and platforms will be utilized to expand SDSD's reach and social media presence in an effort to better engage SDSD patrons and further the mission of the agency.

Dare to Dream Conference

Submitted by Kim Wadsworth

SDSD had a booth at the Dare to Dream conference in Aberdeen on June 9. The conference focused on adults and children with disabilities. SDSD shared about statewide

services and activities with conference participants, families, and local agencies.



In-service Update



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SDSD Outreach Consultant In-Services

Eileen Anderson.....	19
Julie Delfs.....	8
Carol Johnson	12
Sarah Lingle.....	17
Julie Luke	8
Naomi Mangan	7
Nina Ringstmeyer	14
Kerry Ruth	22
Jodi Schnider	6
Laura Scholten.....	13
Kami Van Sickle.....	15
Total.....	141

In-services and guest lectures are provided by members of the SDSD Outreach team as an extension of support for children and students with hearing loss. These in-services may relate to hearing loss and its educational impact, technical assistance and orientation with hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, sound field systems, and/or interpreters, or educational strategies and materials that may benefit SDSD clients.

Audiology Department News

Submitted by Greg King

The following report details audiological services provided to South Dakota children from July, 2013 through June 2014 on SDSD's campus or via the mobile lab .

Total Screened:	10619
Total Evaluated:	1592
*SNHL Found:	218
*CHL Found:	748
Mobile Sites:	152

SNHL— sensorineural hearing loss
CHL— conductive hearing loss



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