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Informational Items

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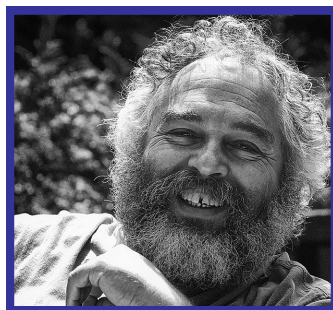
New to SDSD

Sarah C. Aguilar began work at SDSD on August 22 as the new Audiologist on campus. Dr. Aguilar graduated from The University of New Mexico with her B.S. in Speech and Hearing Sciences in 2008 and received her Doctorate in Audiology from The University of South Dakota in 2012. Dr. Aguilar previously worked at the Veteran Affairs Hospital in Omaha. She is excited to return to her home state of South Dakota with her two young children, Cooper and Isabel.



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This year SDSD has contracted psychologist Dr. Stephen Greene to assist with multidisciplinary evaluations. Dr. Greene's prior experience includes working for The Learning Center for Deaf Children in Massachusetts, Goodwill Hayden Inn School - Hearing Impaired Program in Massachusetts, New Mexico School for the Deaf, Governor Baxter School for the Deaf in Maine, Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, and public schools serving deaf and hard of hearing children. Dr. Greene's interests include spending time with his family and dogs, building furniture, woodworking, and kayaking.

SDSD Professional Days

The SDSD outreach team met on August 13-14. Sharon Smith from Advanced Bionics presented information about cochlear implant updates. Mary Lou McGirr from the Technology and Innovation in Education Office presented tools to inspire cognitive processing. Teresa Nold, from Parent Connection, shared information about the new “My File” for transition age teenagers.

Outreach Consultant Laura Scholten shared functional assessments to

use in schools serving children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Consultants practiced with each other to familiarize themselves with the tests.

Lance Sigdestad discussed his Community Support role as an employee of CSD. He currently teams up with SDSD consultants to help support families with deaf and hard of hearing children as they use sign language to provide full language access.

Auditory Skill Development Training in Brookings

Laura Scholten and Julie Delfs hosted an Auditory Skill Development workshop on September 30, 2013 in Brookings, SD. Participants learned about the four

stages of auditory development as well as appropriate activities for each development level.

SDSD Zoo Day

As part of SDSD’s commitment to increase socialization and language opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing students and their families, the Outreach Program hosted an event at the Sioux Falls Great Plains Zoo on September 7. A group of nearly 60 people including SDSD Outreach staff, Augustana instructors and deaf education students, and families with deaf or hard of hearing children attended. SDSD plans to make the zoo day an annual event!



Gallaudet Presentation

Sheri Cook, from the Gallaudet University Regional Center Midwest, gave a presentation entitled "Growing up Deaf" at SDSD on October 8. A light meal was served to families and professionals prior to the presentation. Sheri emphasized the importance of family involvement, social opportunities for deaf and

hard of hearing students, and teamwork needed to support a child's social-emotional development and educational goals. In addition, Sheri shared stories about her personal challenges, struggles, accomplishments, and triumphs growing up as a deaf individual.



Presentation at Lake Area Tech

On October 18, Eileen Anderson was the guest speaker addressing the Developmental Disabilities class at Lake Area Technical Institute in Waukegan. Twenty-three students majoring in human resources and their instructor, Janelle

Wishard, learned about SDSD's services, hearing loss, and related topics. Students had an opportunity to listen to hearing aids, bone conduction hearing aids, and a simulation of hearing loss.

West River Cochlear Implant and Hearing Aid Clinic

Rapid City School District's audiology department recently moved their locations from Kibben Kuster School to the Jefferson Building. On October 16-18, the University of South Dakota team utilized the new sound booth during SDSD's fourth Cochlear Implant Outreach Clinic. In conjunction with Rapid City Area schools and University of South Dakota Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Clinic, SDSD offered cochlear implant mapping and

hearing aid programming services to west-river children and families.

The next clinic will be held in spring 2014. Many thanks to Dr. Jessica J. Messersmith, Dr. Lindsey Jorgensen, and USD audiology students Angela Morgan, Eva Draper, Jessica Malepsy, and Carly Hiedeman for the services provided to SDSD clientele.



Social Event at Great Bear Ski Resort in Sioux Falls

On October 19, the SDSD Social Stars participated in an event sponsored by Sioux Falls Park and Recreation at Great Bear Ski Resort. Six SDSD families gathered for a spooky hike through densely wooded trails. Each family received an activity booklet filled with Halloween vocabulary in English and ASL and were paired with Augustana College students who

helped the children with Halloween vocabulary during scavenger hunt activities along the hilly trail. The Augustana students made this event into a meaningful language experience for SDSD families. After the hike, children enjoyed games, inflatables, and s'mores!



SDSD Presents at Augustana College

Julie Luke, SDSD Outreach Consultant, presented information about the newly released American Sign Language – Receptive Test (ASL-RT) to Dr. Monica Soukup's Language Assessment class at Augustana College in Sioux Falls on

October 22. ASL-RT is a unique assessment tool which measures deaf and hard of hearing students' ASL language skills. Class participants viewed test materials and observed an administration of the ASL-RT.

SDSD Guest Lecture for USD PDC

On October 30, Sara Hansen, SDSD Service Coordinator, was a guest lecturer for University of South Dakota's Professional Development Center (PDC) Program. Attendants included 11 PDC mentor teachers and the PDC Director, Robin Wiebers.

Topics included basic information about hearing loss, ear infections, noise-induced hearing loss, listening technologies, communication, and problem areas for students with hearing loss.

Workshop for West River Professionals

On November 1, SDSD Outreach Consultants Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth hosted a free speech and language development workshop at the Game Fish and Parks Outdoor Campus in Rapid City. The 58 registered attendees from across Western South Dakota included general education teachers, speech language pathologists, early intervention teachers and school administrators. Laura Scholten, Sioux Falls area SDSD Outreach Consultant, presented. Topics included monitoring and applying practical strategies to develop receptive and expressive language skills, applying theoretical knowledge to support children with articulation and phonological difficulties, key principles of a speech therapy session with students with

a hearing loss, and using Common Core Standards to write appropriate IEP goals for targeted areas. Speech Language Pathology and continuing education credits were available. Drinks and snacks for the workshop were provided by the South Dakota School for the Deaf Foundation.



National Summit on Deaf Education

On November 6-8, a team of South Dakota professionals from various backgrounds attended the 2013 National Summit on Deaf Education entitled *Building State Capacity to Address Critical Issues in Deaf Education: Transition from Secondary Education to Postsecondary Options*. The meeting was hosted by pepnet 2 (pn2) in support of its efforts to build capacity in states and support the exchange of information and strategies for improving educational programs, services, and outcomes

for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Pepnet 2 is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs, U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about pn2 is available at www.pepnet.org. The South Dakota cohort included Naomi Mangan, SDSD, Teresa Nold, Parent Connection, Katie Gran, SD Vocational Rehabilitation, Lance Sigdestad, Communication Services for the Deaf, and Dr. Darlene Zangara.

SDSD MDT Evaluation Update

SDSD continues to offer multidisciplinary team (MDT) evaluations for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. As of December 2013, SDSD Outreach and Audiological staff have provided families and school districts of nine South Dako-

ta youth assessment reports and recommendations. SDSD has two remaining test cycles in February and April, potentially serving eight additional SDSD youngsters before the conclusion of the 2013-14 academic year.

Family Sign Language Class and Videos

Julie Luke and Kami Van Sickle teach the SDSD family sign language class for deaf and hard of hearing children, family members, and associated professionals. Weekly themes are used to teach functional vocabulary families may use in daily life. Because class participants have requested additional means to practice signing vocabulary, SDSD has partnered with ASL Teacher Paula Souhrada to create signing videos which are uploaded to SDSD web-

site. See sdsd.sdbor.edu/videos.

The class time gives families an opportunity to connect with one another and signing daycare services are available at no cost to class attendees. Additional SDSD outreach consultants and Augustana students assist in the classroom and daycare; snacks are provided by the SDSD Foundation.



In-service Update



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SDSD Outreach Consultant In-Services

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| Eileen Anderson..... | 18 |
| Julie Delfs..... | 8 |
| Carol Johnson | 12 |
| Sarah Lingle..... | 13 |
| Julie Luke | 8 |
| Naomi Mangan | 4 |
| Nina Ringstmeyer | 10 |
| Kerry Ruth | 13 |
| Jodi Schnider | 6 |
| Laura Scholten..... | 2 |
| Kami Van Sickle..... | 11 |
| Total..... | 105 |

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

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

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| Total Screened: | 3565 |
| Total Evaluated: | 421 |
| *SNHL Found: | 48 |
| *CHL Found: | 285 |
| Mobile Sites: | 49 |

SNHL— sensorineural hearing loss
CHL— conductive hearing loss



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