

South Dakota School for the Deaf

South Dakota Board of Regents

Informational Items

May 12-14, 2015



Family Fishing Day

Submitted by Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth

Family Fishing Day was held on Saturday, May 2 at the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Outdoor Campus West in Rapid City. Sixteen clients and their families attended the event for a total of 56 attendees. Families fished, explored the campus, and ate lunch which was provided by the SDSD Foundation. It was a great opportunity for parents to visit and kids to play! The event was organized by Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth, SDSD Outreach Consultants.



"This was so fun! Can we do more things like this?"



"This feels like a family reunion!"



"You ladies know how to throw a party."

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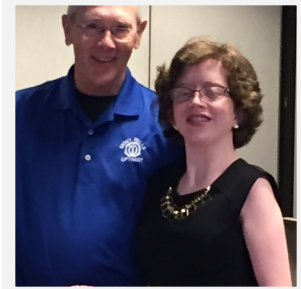
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Outreach Student Wins Award

Submitted by Julie Luke

The Sioux Falls Morning Optimist Club held their yearly Communication Contest for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in the eastern part of South Dakota. The contest was held on Saturday, March 21 at the Ronning Library in Sioux Falls. This year's speech topic was "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future." SDSD client and O'Gorman High School freshman, Catherine Foy, participated in the competition and won a \$300 scholarship. Catherine did an outstanding job sharing her life story and how to use optimism to get through life challenges.

On Saturday, May 2, Catherine advanced to the International Optimist Club Competition with competitors from South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Canada. Catherine won 2nd place! We are proud of Catherine's accomplishments. Way to go!



Auditory Access for Language Development & Literacy

Submitted by Eileen Anderson

Northeast Area SDSD Outreach Consultant Eileen Anderson spoke at the monthly Early Childhood parent meeting at the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal headquarters on April 15. The luncheon meeting was attended by parents, grandparents, children, early childhood staff, and administration. The topic of the discussion was "Auditory Access for Language Development and Literacy".

Family Bowling Night

Submitted by Julie Delfs

A spring social event for SDSD families was held at Suburban Lanes Bowling Alley on March 20, 2015. Nine families attend the event. Families bowled together and enjoyed pizza and pop.



Family Sign Language Class

Submitted by Julie Luke & Kami Van Sickle



SDSD Outreach Consultants, Kami Van Sickle and Julie Luke, taught American Sign Language to a record number of individuals who attended the weekly Family Sign Class this spring semester! Around 100 people signed up for class. Participants included family members, classroom teachers, classmates, and speech-language therapists. SDSD Family Sign class benefits everyone as it provides a visual language for our deaf and hard of hearing students. In addition, an advanced sign group was offered for those participants who wanted more of a challenge. SDSD Outreach Consultants Julie Delfs, Jodi Schnider, and Laura Scholten supervised the childcare so parents could attend class. Augustana Deaf Education majors taught sign lessons in the daycare. Treats and pizza to celebrate everyone's ASL accomplishments was provided by the SDSD Foundation.

Cochlear Implant Programming

Submitted by Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth

SDSD Outreach Consultants, Kerry Ruth and Nina Ringstmeyer, organized the sixth Cochlear Implant (CI) Outreach Clinic in Rapid City on April 8, 9, and 10. Through a collaborative effort with Rapid City Area Schools and the University of South Dakota (USD) Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Clinic, SDSD once again offered West River children CI services locally (including programming/mapping and evaluation of auditory development) saving families time and expenses.

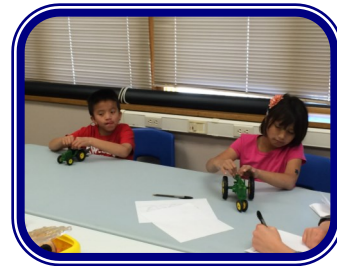
The USD team utilized the Rapid City School District's sound booth in the Jefferson Building for CI mapping and audiology evaluations. Dr. Jessica Messersmith saw 12 clients and provided audiology services, CI consultations and mapping, and BAHAs programming. Dr. Elizabeth Hanson evaluated several of these students as well, focusing on augmentative communication. Five USD audiology doctoral students were also on hand to assist with the evaluations.

This was a great opportunity for families, who would otherwise have to travel a minimum of 12 hours for these services. The next CI Outreach Clinic is scheduled for fall of 2015.



SDSD Outreach Scholarships

Submitted by Laura Scholten



The SDSD Foundation awarded four SDSD Outreach high school seniors the following scholarships!

- Hannah Higdon - Minnehaha Sertoma Scholarship - \$2000
- Kristen Holmberg - Kevin Roth Memorial Scholarship - \$1500
- Carissa Brandt - SDSD Foundation Scholarship - \$1500
- Mandy Kobernusz - SDSD Foundation Scholarship - \$1000

Congratulations Seniors!



A World of Opportunities

Submitted by Laura Scholten

On June 11-12, South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD) will host the Midwest Conference on Deaf Education (MWDE) on the Sioux Falls campus. A collaboration amongst three agencies is making “A World of Opportunities” possible: SDSD, North Dakota School for the Deaf, and Midwest Gallaudet University Regional Center. Topics for this year’s conference include: early childhood intervention, hearing technology, mental health, classroom strategies, and many more! We look forward to having the 130 participants here for a great two days of learning.

South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference

Submitted by Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth

SDSD Outreach Consultants, Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth, presented at the South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference (SDECEC) on April 11, 2015. The SDECEC was held at the Best Western Ramkota Conference Center in Rapid City on April 9-11. Nina and Kerry presented “Failed Hearing Screen...Now What?”. This presentation focused on various topics regarding what happens when a child receives a “refer” from an audiology screening. Main topics presented were: otitis media, hearing status impact, maximizing language in the home and school, literacy, and services offered by SDSD. Approximately 25 participants attended the session.

Fabulous Fridays

Submitted by Julie Luke & Jodi Schnider

On May 8, Julie Luke and Jodi Schnider taught sign language classes to Sioux Falls Public Schools children, grades kindergarten through 5th, as part of their Fabulous Friday event! Fabulous Friday is a unique learning and exploring opportunity for students. Students chose different activities they wanted to learn from area community members ranging from sports, writing, cooking, spa time, sewing, and many others. During the sign language classes, students learned new vocabulary, played a couple of games, and finished by reviewing how to fingerspell their name. This was a wonderful experience exposing more hearing students to sign language.

TIE Conference

Submitted by Julie Delfs

On April 19-21, 2015, Julie Delfs attended the Technology, Innovation, Education (TIE) Conference. One in-depth training focused on how to create websites as well as how to use Google Docs, calendars, and forms to communicate with students and families. One excellent breakout session was “Classroom in the Cloud” which explored online tools to enhance collaboration, communication, and creativity through different types of tools on the internet. During the conference, Julie learned many new techniques as well as refreshers about technology she uses daily.

In-service Update



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Consultant In-services 2014–2015

130 In-services

1,767
South Dakotans
Educated

In-services and guest lectures are provided by members of the SDSD Outreach team as an extension of support for children with varied hearing status. These in-services relate to varied hearing status 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 1, 2014 through April 16th 2015 on SDSD's campus and via the mobile lab .

Total Screened	11,479
Total Evaluated	1721
*SNHL Found	229
*CHL Found	459
Mobile Sites	124

SNHL—sensorineural hearing loss
CHL— conductive hearing loss



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