

South Dakota School for the Deaf

South Dakota Board of Regents

Informational Items

April 2-4, 2013



SDSLHA Presentation

On September 14, a collaborative effort occurred among the South Dakota School for the Deaf Outreach Program, the University of South Dakota's Communication Sciences and Disorders Department, and the Brandon Valley Auditory-Oral Program. Dr. Jessica Messersmith, Dr. Kyle Brouwer, Ellyn Hays, and Laura Scholten presented at the South Dakota Speech-Language Hearing Association Conference. The topic, Perspectives of an Interdiscipli-

nary Approach to Clinical Provision and Supervision, emphasized the importance of speech-language pathologists and audiologists working as team members to benefit deaf and hard of hearing children. Using an interdisciplinary approach, the attendees were presented information on auditory development, communication options, the impact of hearing loss on communication skills, and aural rehabilitation.

SDSD at Mitchell Technical Institute

On October 29, Jodi Schnider and Laura Scholten provided a guest lecture to students enrolled in the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program at Mitchell Technical Institute. The lecture focused on hearing technology and gave students hands-on experience with hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, and classroom sound field systems. The group enjoyed learning about technology the future professionals will be encountering in the field.

Jodi and Laura returned to Mitchell Technical Institute on November 19 for a two-hour lecture entitled "Eek...How Do I Work on Listening Skills?" The presentation focused on auditory skill development in deaf and hard of hearing children. They discussed ways to implement these techniques into speech and language therapy.

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Rosebud Community Training

On November 7, 25 parents, child care providers, and Headstart teachers attended a SDDS workshop at the Lakota Tiwahe Center in Rosebud. The professional development day facilitated by Sara Hansen and Sarah Lingle focused on basic hearing function, otitis media, hearing loss and its impact on education performance in the classroom, assistive listening technology

and tips to assist with hearing loss in the classroom.

Feri Veloz, center director, had attended a SDDS breakout session at the 2010 Lakota Nation Educational Conference in Rapid City and requested SDDS present this information to members of her community. Veloz said, "I am so glad that the people that attended the training

learned more how hearing effects a child's speech...I would like to bring you down next year for another presentation and maybe I can get more parents and programs to attend. Thank you it was a great presentation."



Sara Hansen, Feri Veloz, and Sarah Lingle in Rosebud, SD.

Professional Development in Rapid City

SDDS Outreach Consultants, Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth, hosted a free workshop on November 9 at the Game, Fish and Parks' Outdoor Campus in Rapid City. The 45 attendees included professionals involved with speech and language development of deaf or hard of hearing students such as teachers, speech language pathologists, early inter-

ventionists, and administrators. Laura Scholten, SDDS Outreach Consultant from Sioux Falls, discussed the incorporation of listening into all aspects of therapy sessions, strategies for manipulating listening complexity, and structures of therapy sessions. After the workshop, attendees enjoyed a lunch provided by the SDDS Foundation.

Rush Hockey Social Outing

On November 13, SDDS Outreach Consultants, Kerry Ruth and Nina Ringstmeyer, hosted a Rush Hockey Family Night. Eight SDDS clients and their parents experienced the game from a luxury suite! The Rush Foundation provid-

ed tickets and the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center provided the suite. Children and parents enjoyed pizza, popcorn, and soda provided by the SDDS Foundation. Families, some of whom had not previously met other children with hearing

loss, shared stories and experiences. SDDS clients made posters for the game and even made it on the big screen! The group cheered the Rush on to a 3 to 2 victory.

SDDS children and families enjoy a hockey game in Rapid City.



Guest Lecture at USD

On November 28, SDSD collaborated with the University of South Dakota's Communication Sciences and Disorders Department as Dr. Kyle Brouwer invited Laura Scholten to guest lecture during his Articulation Disorders class. Laura shared her experience and knowledge in common speech characteristics within

the deaf and hard of hearing population, general speech assessment guidelines, and therapeutic strategies. She provided students with several resources to address these unique articulation needs. The twenty-eight students were interactive and enthusiastic about the topics presented.

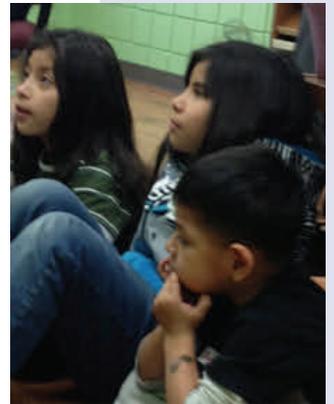
Social Stars Winter Game Day

The Social Stars group consisting of SDSD elementary school clients met on December 1. The group interacted with Augustana College students and SDSD outreach staff.

After introductions, everyone played "winter" themed games such as snowflake memory, Jenga, Christmas light letter match and following directions in a snowy forest. The Social Stars worked on turn taking and social

conversation skills. The children completed two craft activities designed to foster listening and following directions in small groups. The highlight of the event was learning winter clothing vocabulary in American Sign Language.

The occasion concluded with a relay race to see if Social Stars or Augustana students could best follow visual directions. A great time was had by all!



Beth and Kiera Schultz



Preschool Event in Watertown

SDSD hosted a family event for preschoolers with hearing loss on December 3 at the Quality Inn in Watertown. Three families attended. A total of 12 participants enjoyed pizza, pop, and cookies provided by SDSD Foundation while networking with

families of newly identified children and those considering cochlear implants for their children. Holiday themed activities for language development and listening were provided by Outreach Consultant Eileen Anderson.

Conscious Discipline Training

SDSD Outreach Consultants Naomi Mangan, Julie Luke, and Carol Johnson attended the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children's one-day conference on January 19. Nationally renowned speaker Jill Molli presented *Creating Safe Brain Smart Classrooms and Reducing Challenging Behaviors in the Classroom* based on Dr. Becky

Bailey's Conscious Discipline approach.

Jill Molli has a B.A. in Elementary Education, a Masters in Counseling, and experience in delivering state and national keynote speeches, teaching children with behavior disabilities, teaching elementary school, and serving as a guidance counselor. Her background has proved in-

valuable in teaching schools and districts how to implement Conscious Discipline. Information learned will be shared with SDSD families and schools.

D/HH Teens in Action Event

Outreach Consultant Naomi Mangan coordinated activities for the Deaf/HH Teens in Action group on January 26. Two volunteers from Communication Services for the Deaf, Mark Kotowski and Lance Sigdestad, also assistend. Eight Out-

reach clients attended and participated in activities aimed at learning how to identify and manage stress.



Transition Training

Outreach Consultant Naomi Mangan attended South Dakota Invest Workshop for School Counselors on February 1-2. The workshop focused on post-high school transition planning to support students' personal, social, academic, and career growth.

Topics covered remediation opportunities created by collaboration amongst such as the Board of Regents, Department of Education, National Career Readiness Certification, South Dakota job skills and career opportunities, and post-Secondary opportu-

nities at Southeast Technical Institute as well as future technology changes in how students plan and attend courses.

In-service Update



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SDSD Outreach Consultant In-Services

Eileen Anderson.....	13
Julie Delfs.....	10
Carol Johnson	13
Sarah Lingle	17
Julie Luke	6
Naomi Mangan.....	1
Nina Ringstmeyer	12
Kerry Ruth	6
Jodi Schnider.....	2
Laura Scholten.....	5
Kami Van Sickle.....	16
Total.....	101

Audiology Department News



The following report details audiological services on campus and in the mobile lab provided to South Dakota children from July 1, 2012 through February 15, 2013.

Total Screened: 6513
 Total Evaluated: 671
 SNHL Found: 68
 CHL Found: 375
 Mobile Lab Sites: 95

Upcoming Mobile Lab Visits

4/2–4/3	McCook Central
4/4	Montrose
4/5	Chester
4/8– 4/12	Box Elder
4/16–4/17	Hanson
4/18	Canistota
4/22–4/25	Sturgis

SNHL is sensorineural hearing loss. CHL is conductive hearing loss.