
South Dakota School for the Deaf

Board of Regents Meeting, May 16-17, 2012

Informational Items

On January 17, 2012, SDSD Director of Outreach Kim Wadsworth attended the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club where she spoke about the school's history, evolution and continuing efforts to serve deaf and hard of hearing children across the state. SDSD provides opportunities for children and families to learn sign language, increase communication skills, and network. Approximately 45 Lions members were in attendance.

On February 27, SDSD Outreach Consultant Laura Scholten was the guest lecturer for USD Professor Jessica Messersmith's Aural Rehabilitation class. Twenty-five students from the Communication Sciences and Disorders department learned about speech therapy strategies and Laura's professional encounters working with children with hearing loss.

Young children with hearing loss age two to five ventured to the Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum March 9 to learn about skinks, ferrets, turtles, and hissing cockroaches. The zoo's "Animal Encounter" program takes a hands-on approach encouraging children to interact with the animals by touching. Parents and children added new sign language words to their growing vocabulary and voted the turtle their favorite animal.

On March 12, Kim Wadsworth and Laura Scholten spoke at the South Dakota Council for Exceptional Children conference in Chamberlain. Their presentation entitled "Language Opportunities for Children with Hearing Loss" was well received by the teachers, interpreters and parents in attendance who expressed their eagerness to implement the strategies and ideas they had learned.

Outreach Consultant Sarah Lingle presented at the 2012 Women in Science Conference held in Pierre. The conference, which focused on giving young girls ages 14 to 18 hands-on experience exploring careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), was sponsored by the South Dakota Discovery Center in partnership with Pierre/Ft. Pierre AAUW, SD Space Consortium, Delta Dental, NASA and the South Dakota Department of Education. Sarah presented four breakout sessions to 120 girls and covered the topics of hearing and speech science, technology in hearing loss and speech, careers in speech-language pathology and audiology, and hearing conservation. Professionals in robotics, education, dentistry, climate field specialist, civil engineering, biomedicine, aerospace and physical therapy fields also presented.

On March 23, Outreach team members Eileen Anderson and Kim Wadsworth were each presented a plaque to commemorate a milestone service anniversary. Eileen is a consultant in the north east part of the state and Kim a consultant in the eastern part of the state. Together they have served deaf and hard of hearing South Dakota children for a total of 25 years.



The Aberdeen Lions meeting on March 28 included a presentation by Eileen Anderson. Attendees learned about SDSD services and the role of consultants in statewide service provision to children with hearing loss. Outreach Director Kim Wadsworth displayed a collection of hearing aids including devices from the early 1900s and additional topics discussed included causes of hearing loss, prevalence of hearing loss, cochlear implants, and the cost of hearing aids.

Outreach Consultants Carol Johnson and Eileen Anderson attended the Rock, Rhyme, Write, and Read workshop presented by Dr Jean Feldman. The workshop held March 29 in Pierre was sponsored by the SD Department of Education and provided the large group with a full day of songs, rhymes, and activities. Dr. Feldman shared ideas to use with children in preschool and lower elementary settings.

The South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference was held in Spearfish on April 12-14, 2012. Outreach Consultants Sarah Lingle and Nina Ringstmeyer presented strategies on facilitating language and listening in early childhood settings. Strategies for building early language and encouraging communication skills as well as effects of middle ear infections were discussed. The presentation closed with information pertaining to SDSD programs and services for children with hearing loss.

Outreach Student Services

Outreach students are served in the family's home, community agencies or in their home school districts:

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Birth to 2 yrs, 11 month	19
Students 3 yrs to 5 yrs, 11months	53
Students 6 to 21 yrs	329
Total Students Served	401

There are 21 referrals with the potential to become Outreach clients pending completion of required paperwork.

Outreach In-Services Conducted

The following report details the total number of in-services provided thus far in the 2011-2012 academic year.

<u>Southeast Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Julie Delfs	5
Naomi Mangan	1
Jodi Schnider	7
Laura Scholten	11
Kami Van Sickle	8
Kim Wadsworth	15

<u>Central Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Carol Johnson	--
Sarah Lingle	12

<u>Northeast Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Eileen Anderson	15

<u>Western Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Nina Ringstmeyer	3

Total In-services Statewide 77

On-Campus Audiology Services

The following report details audiological appointments provided to the public on the SDDS campus July, 2011 to the present.

July, 2011	14
August, 2011	19
September, 2011	28
October, 2011	40
November, 2011	35
December, 2011	26
January, 2012	31
February, 2012	26
March, 2012	18
April 1-12, 2012	7
Total Appointments	244

Completed Mobile Lab Visits

The following report details audiological services provided to the public via SDDS's mobile lab from July, 2011 to the present.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Screens</u>	<u>Evaluations</u>	<u>Sites</u>
July 1 - Sept 12	1246	171	32
Sept 13 - Nov 12	3131	311	28
Nov 13- Feb 12, 2012	1321	179	26
Feb 13 - Apr 10, 2012	726	89	19
Total Year to Date	6424	750	105

Total Hearing Screens Completed to Date

The following report details audiological services provided to children this academic year (2011- 2012). Data provided covers *July 1* through *April 10, 2012*.

<u>Mobile Lab</u>	
Total Individuals Screened	6424
<u>On-Campus</u>	
Total Evaluations	244
Total Year to Date	6668

Upcoming 2012 Mobile Lab Visits

<u>May</u>	
Sturgis	5/7-9
Piedmont	5/10
<u>June</u>	
McLaughlin	6/5
McIntosh	6/6
Wakpala	6/7