
South Dakota School for the Deaf

Board of Regents Meeting, June 28-29, 2012

Informational Items

On Friday, April 13, SDSD Outreach Consultant Laura Scholten arranged an outing for children ages two to four with hearing loss. The children ventured to the Old Courthouse Museum where they completed an art project and toured exhibits. Each child made binoculars to help them clearly "see" everything on display in the dog, bicycle, and hot air balloon exhibits.

On April 25, Laura Scholten was the guest lecturer for Dr. Kyle Brouwer's Language Disorders class at the University of South Dakota. Twenty-five students enrolled in the Communication Sciences and Disorders class learned about the common expressive and receptive language issues facing children with hearing loss and were provided resources to address the unique language needs discussed.

SDSD Director of Outreach Kim Wadsworth attended the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut April 26-29. The conference addressed the growing challenges schools for the deaf face today. The first two days of conference presentations/discussions were dedicated to the topic of Outreach programs for the deaf and hard of hearing. The remaining days focused on the recently launched "Child First" campaign aimed at educating the White House, U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of Education, and the general public about the original intent of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) special education law. Conference participants were treated to a special presentation of "Deaf Oz" by American School for the Deaf (ASD) students and enjoyed a historic tour of Hartford and ASD.

Outreach Student Services

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

Birth to 2 yrs, 11 month	19
3yrs to 5yrs, 11 months.....	54
6 to 21 yrs	335
Total.....	408

There are currently 23 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	3
Jodi Schnider	7
Laura Scholten	11
Kami Van Sickle	8
Kim Wadsworth	15
<u>Central Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Carol Johnson	1
Sarah Lingle	12
<u>Northeast Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Eileen Anderson	19
<u>Western Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Nina Ringstmeyer	3
Total In-services Statewide	84

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, 2011 to the present.

Total Screens	7482
Total Evaluations.....	1138
Sensorineural Losses identified.....	117
Conductive Losses identified	607
Sites visited by Mobile Lab.....	121