
South Dakota School for the Deaf

Board of Regents Meeting, October 12-13, 2011

Informational Items

Augustana College hosted the Midwest Conference on Deaf Education in July. SDSD staff, Naomi Mangan, Eileen Anderson, Marjorie Kaiser and Kim Wadsworth, attended the two day conference held on the college campus. Presenters from several states gave a variety of presentations each emphasized strategies for working with deaf and hard of hearing children. Topics addressed included: Assistive Technologies for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students, Educational Interpreter's Role in IEP meetings, Literacy Development in ASL and English, Deaf Education; A Ton of Choices, and Practical Strategies and Intervention to Address Language and Communicative Proficiency Delays in Academic Settings. It was a great opportunity to learn from other educators who work with children with hearing loss.

SDSD in conjunction with Augustana College, Parent Connection, South Dakota Department of Education, and Communication Services for the Deaf provided a summer enrichment and socialization program for 17 students ages three to eleven with hearing loss. During the four week program, children were encouraged to use sign language for peer to peer interactions and to develop expressive and receptive language skills through communications with hearing and Deaf staff members. The program included Deaf role models, guest readers, volunteers, and field trips pertaining to educational themes and units.

At the Sioux Falls Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) picnic July 26th, SDSD's mobile lab team was recognized as a nominee for an ADA award in the caregiver/advocate category. Official accolades were given by Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Heuther and South Dakota Governor Dennis Daugaard. Event attendees were served a meal of hot dogs, chips, beans, cookies, and lemon ices and children enjoyed face painting, science experiments, and craft activities while adults played baseball games on Frank L. Boyce Miracle Field.



Olivia and Noah Hansen, daughter and son of Sara Hansen (SDSD Service Coordinator), enjoyed science experiments with the help of volunteers from the Washington Pavilion's Science Center and craft activities in the children's area at the ADA picnic.

Three members of SDSD's outreach team, Julie Delfs, Sara Hansen, and Jodi Schnider, have been accepted into the Mountain Prairie Upgrade Partnership: Itinerant (MPUP-I) program through The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This grant funded program provides graduate level preparation in teaching deaf or hard of hearing students that can result in either a Masters degree or post graduate teaching endorsement.

Service Coordinator, Sara Hansen, and Sioux Falls area outreach consultant, Jodi Schnider, visited with members of the Midtown SERTOMA Club of Sioux Falls on Wednesday, August 24th. After a noon meal, Sara and Jodi talked about SDSD's evolving service model and provided information about SDSD's outreach, mobile lab, and external evaluation services. Additional topics of discussion included the Auditory/Oral program in Harrisburg, the Bilingual program in Brandon Valley, and on-site audiology services at SDSD. A brief question and answer period followed the presentation and concluded with a reminder to SERTOMA members to encourage families of students with hearing loss to contact SDSD for support and intervention services.

SDSD Outreach hosted the *Language is Power: Development of Language and Social Skills in Children* conference August 9-10, 2011. The event brought parents and subject matter experts together in one venue and provided opportunities to learn more about language and social skill development in children with hearing loss. Conference attendees also had a chance to network, share common experiences, and visit with on-site representatives from a variety of organizations who serve children with hearing loss.

In her opening remarks, Superintendent Marjorie Kaiser welcomed participants, outlined the agenda for the two day event, and introduced renowned professionals in the fields of Audiology, Deaf Education, Psychology, and Listening and Spoken Language: Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, Dr. Patricia Sullivan, and Karen Rossi.



Pictured above: Dr. Patricia M. Sullivan, Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano, and Karen Rossi, presenters at SDSD's Language is Power conference.

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Dr. Christine Yoshinaga-Itano delivered the keynote address and discussed listening strategies used by deaf or hard of hearing infants, barriers that affect development of auditory spoken language skills, and pragmatic skill acquisition in children with hearing loss.

Dr. Patricia Sullivan illustrated the difference between acquisition deficits and performance deficits in social skills, talked about the importance of receptive and expressive language in the acquisition of appropriate social skills, and imparted information about social skills training and intervention methods used with children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Karen Rossi demonstrated the Listen Around the Clock curriculum, presented tips to increase infant listening and language development through parent-child interactions, and highlighted strategies that help uncover the origin of communication breakdowns.

The SDSD conference committee members would like to thank the presenters, attendees, and Outreach staff for making the conference a success.

From August 31st to September 5th, SDSD outreach team members collaborated with the South Dakota Lion's Foundation to set up and run an exhibit at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron. The booth promoted awareness of noise-induced hearing loss, as well as, prevention measures to preserve individuals' current hearing level. The booth featured hearing loss demonstrations and games highlighting hearing loss issues and hearing protection.

Pictured below is the interactive noise-induced hearing loss model (made from a mannequin and equipped with a sound level meter) displayed at the State Fair. With this display, fair-goers set the volume they typical use when listening to a personal MP3 player and then place the headphones/ear buds in the mannequin's ears which in turn displays the decibel level output of the fair-goers volume choice. Participants were surprised to learn that the volume of common everyday sounds (like city traffic - 85 decibels) is the first level at which permanent noise-induced hearing loss can occur.



Sara Hansen, SDSD Service Coordinator, MJ Knobe, Executive Director for South Dakota Lions Foundation, and Sarah Lingle, SDSD Outreach consultant, pose with an interactive display that tests safe volume levels on MP3 devices.

SDSD is pleased to welcome three new outreach consultants. Each brings expertise and experience that will strengthen our team's ability to provide services across the state.

Kami Van Sickle provides services to families and schools in southeastern South Dakota. She has degrees in elementary education and deaf education. Kami was previously employed by the Sioux Falls School District.

Carol Johnson provides services to families and schools in north central South Dakota. She has a double major in elementary and deaf education. Carol was previously employed in Detroit, Michigan.

Nina Ringstmeyer provides services to families and schools in western part of South Dakota. Nina majored in elementary education and special education and recently completed training in deaf education. Nina was previously employed by the Hot Springs School District.

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
Students 3 yrs to 5 yrs, 11months	53
Students 6 to 21 yrs	325
 Total Students Served	 397

There is one new referral with the potential to become an outreach client pending completion of the required paperwork.

Outreach In-Services Conducted

The following report details the total number of in-services provided thus far in the 2010-2011 academic year.

<u>Southeast Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Julie Delfs	--
Naomi Mangan	1
Jodi Schnider	4
Laura Scholten	3
Kami Van Sickle	7
Kim Wadsworth	12
 <u>Central Region</u>	 <u>In-services Conducted</u>
Carol Johnson	--
Sarah Lingle	6
 <u>Northeast Region</u>	 <u>In-services Conducted</u>
Eileen Anderson	11
 <u>Western Region</u>	 <u>In-services Conducted</u>
Nina Ringstmeyer	1
 Total In-services Statewide	 45

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On-Campus Audiology Services

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

July 2011	14
August 2011	19
September 1-12, 2011	5
Total Appointments	38

Completed Mobile Lab Visits

The following report details audiological services provided to the public via SDSD'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
Year to date	1246	171	32

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 **September 12, 2011**.

Mobile Lab

Total Individuals Screened 1246

On-Campus

Total Evaluations 38

Total (year to date) 1284

Upcoming Mobile Lab Visits

October

Harrisburg	10/17
Lake Andes	10/27
Marty	10/27
Tyndall	10/24
Rosebud	10/25
Webster	10/31
Summit	10/31
Waubay	10/31

November

Wakpala	11/1
McIntosh	11/1
McLaughlin	11/2
Britton	11/3
Rosholt	11/3
Wilmot	11/3
Sisseton	11/7
Volga	11/15
Arlington	11/15

Lake Preston	11/15
DeSmet	11/15
Iroquois	11/15
Elkton	11/17
White	11/17
Estelline	11/17
Clear Lake	11/17
Revilo	11/17
Waverly	11/17
Florence	11/18
Henry	11/18
Clark	11/18
Willow Lake	11/18
Hayti	11/18