

South Dakota School for the Deaf

South Dakota Board of Regents

Informational Items

October 10-11, 2012



Storybook Land Outing in Aberdeen

On Sunday, July 29, 2012, SDSD Outreach hosted a family activity at Storybook Land in Aberdeen. The family event offered parents of children who are deaf and hard of hearing an opportunity to network with other families. The outing also gave the children a chance to play and enjoy a fun summer day!

The afternoon began with ice cream sundaes and visiting followed by an outing at Storybook Land. The activity was hosted by Outreach con-

sultants Eileen Anderson, Julie Delfs, and Carol Johnson and was sponsored by the SDSD Foundation.



Front row: Auston Schultz, Hailey Schultz, Bethany Schultz, Carol Schultz, Keira Schultz, Eileen Anderson, Jessicha Mzala
Back row: Benjamin Bridge and Zach Mzala

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Top 20 Training

On July 26-27, Sara Hansen, Service Coordinator, attended the Top 20 training in Sioux Falls which was sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Education. The Top 20 program's mission is to help peo-

ple develop their potential by providing highly effective training and materials as part of a unique character development and emotional intelligence program. It provides students, teachers, and parents with a

common language, easily understood concepts and practical tools for dealing with everyday situations and problems.

Outreach Team Professional Days

The SDSD Outreach team met on campus August 1-2 for professional training days to kick off the 2012-2013 academic year. Guest speakers included Elizabeth Hagen, Ken Engstrom of Lightspeed Technologies, and Cheri Oswant of Oticon USA. Topics included organizational strategies and

technological advancements in products related to hearing loss. A final session was spent with two mothers of children with hearing loss, Lisa Soukup and Jerilyn Winegard. The women shared thoughts about challenges, struggles, and successes experienced during their children's formative

years. SDSD greatly appreciated the insight provided through discussing these families' perspective on Outreach and early intervention services.



Elizabeth Hagen, www.ElizabethHagenInspires.com, organizational expert, speaker, and business coach.

Family Sign Language Class



This fall, Outreach Consultants Kami Van Sickle and Julie Luke will be teaching a family sign language class for deaf and hard of hearing children, their families, and other professionals. Lessons will focus on vocabulary from previous classes and intro-

duce new sign language vocabulary through fun, interactive centers. There is no charge for participation and on-site daycare is available. This is a great opportunity for families to connect with each other and discuss varying

topics relating to hearing loss. Other SDSD Outreach Consultants and Augustana students will be assisting in the daycare and class.

Collaboration with USD

June 8, 2012 marked the first cochlear implant mapping held in western South Dakota. SDSD Outreach Consultant Nina Ringstmeyer facilitated mapping sessions by two assistant professors from The University of South Da-

kota Scottish Rite Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic. SDSD was able to provide the opportunity for two clients to receive services in Hot Springs. Previously, these clients would have travelled to Sioux Falls, Rochester, Oma-

ha, or Denver in order to receive these services. The University of South Dakota and SDSD plan on bi-annual CI Mapping opportunities to benefit the clients in western South Dakota, as well as the USD students who receive hands on

experience. The next cochlear implant mapping session is scheduled for November 2, 2012 in Rapid City.

Summer Enrichment Program

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Summer Enrichment Program has completed its fourth year for 16 youngsters from Sioux Falls and surrounding communities.



This program is designed to provide students an opportunity to socialize with other deaf

and hard of hearing children. The four weeks of thematic based units provided a language rich environment in which students used expressive and receptive skills to communicate with hearing and Deaf staff members. For some students this is their only opportunity to interact with other students with a hearing loss. Students were encouraged to utilize sign language during peer to peer interactions. The group takes field trips related to the theme of

the week. These field trips are a critical part of the language process as it allows for use of language in real-life situations and back in the classroom. Several older students shared that they loved this school experience. They enjoyed meeting and getting to know other kids who were deaf and hard of hearing. Students were taught by deaf educators.

Audiology Department Data

The following report details audiological services provided to children from July 1, 2012 through September 7, 2012.

Total Screened:	922	SNHL is sensorineural hearing loss.
Total Evaluated:	189	CHL is conductive hearing loss.
SNHL Found:	11	
CHL Found:	112	
Mobile Lab Sites:	20	

Data represents SDSD's on campus clinic and mobile audiology lab. visits

Outreach Client Data

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

Birth-2 yrs, 11 months	26	There are 20 referrals with the potential to become Outreach clients pending completion of required paperwork.
3 yrs-5 yrs, 11 months	48	
6-21 yrs	328	
Total Clients	402	

In-service Update



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SDSD Outreach Consultant In-Services

Eileen Anderson.....	9
Julie Delfs.....	7
Carol Johnson.....	10
Sarah Lingle.....	8
Julie Luke.....	2
Naomi Mangan.....	1
Nina Ringstmeyer.....	3
Kerry Ruth.....	2
Jodi Schnider.....	2
Laura Scholten.....	2
Kami Van Sickle.....	11
Total.....	57



Upcoming Mobile Lab Visits

<u>October 2012</u>		10/25	Mitchell Tech Daycare
10/1-5	Box Elder	10/25	John Paul II Mitchell
10/9-12	Huron	10/29-31	Harrisburg
10/15	Summit Waubay Webster	<u>November 2012</u>	
10/16	McLaughlin Little Eagle Rock Creek Grant School	11/1-2	Harrisburg
10/17	Wakpala	11/5	Northeast Coop
10/18	Rosholt Wilmot Britton	11/6-7	Sisseton
10/22-24	Rosebud	11/13-16	Northeast Coop