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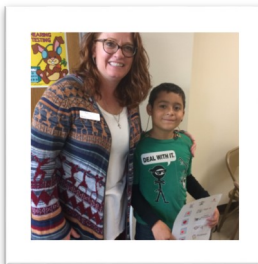
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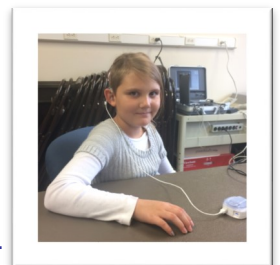
Cochlear Implant Mapping with University of South Dakota

Submitted by Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth



SDSD Outreach Consultants, Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth, assisted in the 12th West River Cochlear Implant Mapping in Rapid City on October 11–14, 2016. Through a collaborative effort with Rapid City Area Schools (RCAS) and the University of South Dakota (USD) Scottish Rite Speech and Hearing Clinic, SDSD was once again able to offer an opportunity for families living west-river to have their child's cochlear implant and osseointegrated device services (including programming/mapping and evaluation of auditory development) provided closer to home. In addition to providing those services, the USD team was also able to provide audiology evaluations and consultations.

The RCAS enabled the USD team to utilize the sound booth located in the Jefferson Building. The SDSD mobile lab was also used for booth testing. Dr. Messersmith and a team of four audiology students saw a total of 27 kids for audiology appointments. A variety of services were provided including: two cochlear implant activations, twelve cochlear implant programming appointments, four osseointegrated device programming appointments, and nine consultation/evaluation appointments. As part of their doctoral audiology program, Au.D. students at the University of South Dakota were also on hand to assist with the evaluations.

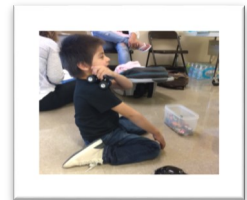
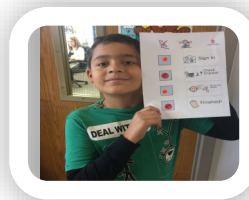
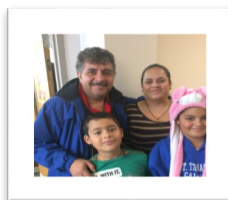


Dr. Elizabeth Hanson from the USD Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders was available, along with two of her students, to provide communication support and language evaluations for clients.

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This is a great opportunity for families who would otherwise have to travel a minimum of 12 hours for these services. Thank you to the SDSD Foundation for supporting this event. The next cochlear implant outreach clinic is scheduled for spring of 2017.



Watertown Public School Training

Submitted by **Laura Scholten**



On October 25, SDSD Outreach Consultants, Julie Delfs and Laura Scholten, offered a professional development opportunity to twenty speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in the Watertown area. The topic was “Affordable Therapy for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students”. The SLPs learned about resources for all ages to address speech, audition, language, social skills, self-advocacy, and academics. Participants left the training with a variety of new ideas as well as free resources to use in working with students with hearing loss.

West River Evaluations

Submitted by **Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth**



For the third consecutive year, SDSD offered multidisciplinary evaluations for clients on the western side of the state. On October 3-4, a team of evaluators, fluent in ASL, traveled to Rapid City to provide this much needed service to schools and families. Three clients were evaluated at the Family Residency Clinic in Rapid City. The Family Residency Clinic is a Regional Health facility that is a teaching clinic for medical students. They partnered with SDSD to provide a location for this evaluation, free of charge. SDSD clients were assessed in the areas of ability, achievement, speech-language, social/emotional, and ASL skills. Completed evaluation reports are provided to the school districts and families as part of their multi-disciplinary assessment process required by the State Department of Education. Without this opportunity, families would have to travel six hours one-way to participate in this evaluation process. The schools that participated lack the resources necessary to complete an evaluation for students who use ASL. The families, schools, and students were grateful for this opportunity.

Fairview Training

Submitted by **Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth**

On October 20-21, Outreach Consultants, Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth, hosted a Fairview Training Workshop for professionals and parents in Rapid City. The Fairview Learning Program that was presented is designed specifically for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Fairview provides individuals with literacy tools that allow access and increase fluency in English and ASL. This program can be integrated into any existing reading program. Trish Vierra, Owner/CEO, instructed over 51 participants about the program. Attendees had the opportunity to receive continuing education contact hours. This two day workshop is the second opportunity for many people west river to learn about Fairview. Special thanks to the Black Hills State University – Rapid City Campus for allowing SDSD to utilize their facility and to the SDSD Foundation for furnishing the refreshments and snacks.



A Partnership with Families

Submitted by Kami Van Sickle



We asked Nicole Nelson about SDSD Outreach services. Keep reading to learn how SDSD has impacted her family.



How did you learn about SDSD Outreach?

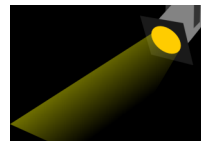
We learned about SDSD Outreach at a hearing loss clinic at Sanford Hospital. This clinic was optional and not mandatory.

How has SDSD Outreach's involvement benefited your child?

SDSD Outreach involvement has greatly benefited my child. We had immediate access to American Sign Language (ASL) and information regarding options we had as a family to learn more about having a child that is Deaf. They also were able to put us in contact with other families during group events.

What would you say to other families who are considering SDSD services?

The one thing that will benefit your family and allow you to feel comfortable is meeting and interacting with other families. SDSD is a great place to get involved and allow your child to interact with other children similar to them.



SDSD Staff Spotlight: Jodi Schnider

What got you interested in working with deaf/hard of hearing children?

I was lucky enough to have some experience with kids that are deaf/hard of hearing in my previous role as a special education preschool teacher. It has been beneficial to have been on the other side of the consultant role, accepting suggestions and strategies from the "experts in the field". It taught me how to work cooperatively with outside agencies. So now that the roles are reversed, I understand how to work with many different team members and agencies.



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What do you like most about SDSD?

I love the team of professionals I get to work with every day. We are fortunate enough to have each other to use as resources throughout the state. Also, no two days are ever the same. As different situations arise, we must adapt and learn, and that helps me keep up on the latest strategies and technology.

If you could share only one piece of advice about deaf/hard of hearing children, what would it be?

Show me, don't tell me.

West River Workshop

Submitted by **Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth**

On November 4, SDSD presented a speech and language workshop for professionals working with students that are deaf/hard or hearing or low language producers. Laura Scholten and Sarah Lingle traveled from Sioux Falls and Pierre to present on “Affordable Therapy for Deaf/Hard of Hearing Students” at the Black Hills State University Center in Rapid City. Forty educators attended the informative workshop. Speech, audition, language, self-advocacy, academics and social skills were just some of the topics presented. A special thanks to the Black Hills State University – Rapid City Campus for the use of their facility and the SDSD Foundation for refreshments and snacks!

Pottery Event

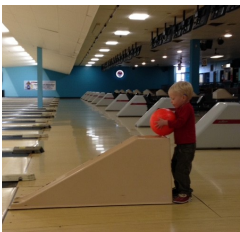
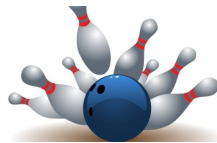
Submitted by **Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth**

On November 4, South Dakota School for the Deaf Outreach Consultants, Kerry Ruth and Nina Ringstmeyer, hosted a girls' ornament painting event at Pottery 2 Paint in Rapid City. Six girls participated in the activity. Thank you to the SDSD Foundation for sponsoring this event.



Bowling Event

Submitted by **Nina Ringstmeyer & Kerry Ruth**

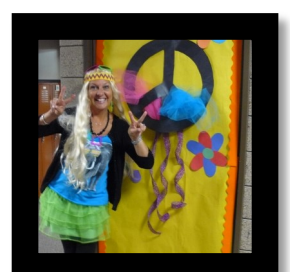


On October 29, South Dakota School for the Deaf Outreach Consultants, Kerry Ruth and Nina Ringstmeyer, hosted a “Bowling with the Boys” event. The afternoon of bowling was held in Rapid City at Meadowood Lanes. Six boys and their families enjoyed the event. A huge thank you to Meadowood Lanes for waiving the shoe fee and the SDSD Foundation for providing pizza, drinks, and bowling.

“Hall”oween Trick or Treat

Submitted by **Jodi Schnider**

SDSD Teen group hosted a family event for Halloween. The teens invited South Dakota Association for the Deaf community members, Foundation Board members, Augie Deaf Awareness group, and SDSD Outreach Consultants to decorate a door in the SDSD building and dress according to their door theme. The “Hall”oween event was similar to that of a “Trunk or Treat” without the worry of the weather. SDSD families were able to dress up and gather treats from each of the 14 doors and then continue their fun into the Family Sign Language Class. The event brought out approximately 70 ghouls and goblins. “Hall”oween was a great success and there is hope to expand



In-service Update



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2016-2017 Consultant In-services

In-services
105

1255
South Dakotans
Educated

In-services and guest lectures are provided by members of the SDSD Outreach team as an extension of support for children with varied hearing status. These in-services relate to varied hearing status and its educational impact, technical assistance and orientation with hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM systems, sound field systems, and/or interpreters, or educational strategies and materials that may benefit SDSD clients.

Audiology Department News

Submitted by Greg King

The following report details audiological services provided to South Dakota children from September 2, 2016 through November 10, 2016 on SDSD's campus and via the mobile lab.

Total Screened	7,350
Total Evaluated	2,588
*SNHL Found	147
*CHL Found	294
Mobile Sites	70

SNHL—sensorineural hearing loss
CHL—conductive hearing loss



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