
South Dakota School for the Deaf

Board of Regents Meeting, March 28-29, 2012

Informational Items

On November 3, 2011, six Outreach consultants attended a workshop presented by Speech-Language Pathologist Patricia Sanford. The workshop, Encouraging Vocabulary Development, explored proven methods to successfully teach vocabulary to students with hearing loss. Attendees were introduced to a variety of materials, activities, and strategies designed to motivate students of every ability level. The information presented is useful for collaborative teaching, inclusion programs, resource rooms, and large or small groups.

This academic year Outreach Consultant Laura Scholten launched a bi-monthly Play Group for pre-school aged children with hearing loss. Children and their families gather to participate in learning activities on campus and through community field trips. Recent outings have included trips to Dakota Spirit Cheerleading and Sanford Wellness Center.

During fall semester 2011, Outreach Consultants Nina Ringstmeyer, Carol Johnson, Jodi Schnider, and Kami Van Sickle completed a 16 week American Sign Language (ASL) course. Coursework focused on increasing participants' signing vocabulary, conversational ASL, and knowledge of Deaf History. All participants successfully completed the course which was offered through The University of South Dakota.

On December 15, 2011, Mac Pros of Sioux Falls presented Tips and Tricks for IPAD users. Consultants are quickly learning the advantages of this new technology and its varied applications in teaching oral language, vocabulary, and sign language. The IPAD camera allows consultants to record client activities in the home or school setting for viewing and analysis. Consultants are also able to create educational materials to meet the specific needs of any client by adding sound and written words to a recorded activity.

Families and children served by the Outreach Program were beneficiaries of donations from Dakota Spirit Cheerleading and the Viborg Lions Club. Donated items included coats, blankets, baby items, and crocheted hats. SDDS is thankful for the generosity of both organizations.

On January 3, 2012, Sara Hansen, SDDS Service Coordinator, attended the Tea Lions Club's monthly meeting. Eleven club members attended the evening meeting. Topics discussed included educational concerns for children with hearing loss and SDDS's efforts to locate and identify South Dakota children with hearing loss across the state. Members had questions about SDDS's new service delivery model and were excited to learn children

with hearing loss receive SDDS services in their home environment and local school district setting.

On February 3, Outreach clients, ages 2 to 7 years old and their family members, met at the Outdoor Campus in Sioux Falls to participate in a class called "My First Fish". Children watched a puppet show, fed fish, made a fish craft, and went imaginary fishing. Despite being unsure about touching worms, the children had a great time!

Outreach Consultants Julie Delfs (Sioux Falls) and Eileen Anderson (Aberdeen) hosted a Family Fun event Saturday, February 11th, at the Watertown Public Library. Families from the Watertown and Sisseton areas attended the afternoon event. Children made Valentine's Day cards while parents networked.



Kelly Hanson making Valentines with her children, Bryce and Andra.

Due to the great success of the first Functional Sign Language class, Outreach is offering a second ten week class beginning March 1st. Children with hearing loss and their families meet Thursday evenings to review fall session vocabulary and learn new signs. Hands-on activities provide a fun, meaningful environment for learning sign language. New vocabulary topics include animals, weather, calendar, Easter, spring, home, and school. On-site daycare is available.

On February 24, 2012, Outreach Consultant Nina Ringstmeyer hosted an Early Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss workshop for 45 special and general educators, speech-language pathologists, and paraprofessionals. The workshop, held at the Meade County School District Administration Office, was led by Outreach Consultant Laura Scholten. Topics included strategies for use in classrooms and therapy sessions to increase a child's oral language skills.

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 17
Students 3 yrs to 5 yrs, 11months 46

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Students 6 to 21 yrs	325
Total Students Served	388

There are 13 new 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	3
Kami Van Sickle	8
Kim Wadsworth	15

<u>Central Region</u>	<u>In-services Conducted</u>
Carol Johnson	--
Sarah Lingle	11

<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 68

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
Feb 1-12, 2012	9
Total Appointments	202

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>
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July 1- Sept 12	1246	171	32
Sept 13 – Nov 12	3131	311	28
Nov 13- Feb 12, 2012	1321	179	26
Total Year to Date	5698	661	86

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 *November 12, 2011*.

Mobile Lab

Total Individuals Screened 5698

On-Campus

Total Evaluations 202

Total Year to Date 5900

Upcoming 2012 Mobile Lab Visits

March

Tri-Valley	3/13
Stickney	3/14
Huron Pre-K	3/15
Ethan	3/19
Colman	3/22
Hanson	3/26
Parker	3/28

Tea	3/29
Montrose	3/30

April

Marion	4/2
Bridgewater	4/5
Emory	4/10
McCook	4/11-12
Hurley	4/13
Freeman	4/16
Canistota	4/17