

South Dakota School for the Deaf

South Dakota Board of Regents

Informational Items

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SDSD Office Relocations

To better serve families and school districts in western South Dakota, SDSD consultants Nina Ringstmeyer and Kerry Ruth centralized their office spaces within their service areas. Nina serves the southern hills and has an office in Hot Springs while Kerry serves the northern hills from her office in Deadwood.



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Babes and Bubbles Activity in Pierre

Fun and networking was the focus in Pierre when three families were brought together at an SDSD family activity on June 25. Sarah Lingle, along with the Pierre area birth to three early childhood instructor organized a small gathering at a local park in Pierre for area families of children in the area ages birth to three years old.

Play and bubble activities were part of the experience along with refreshments and snacks provided by the SDSD foundation. The toddlers enjoyed play time outdoors while their parents exchanged information and personal experiences about their child's hearing journey.

Student attends Camp Sertoma

Megan Arhart, a Pierre area outreach client, attended Camp Sertoma in Brainerd, MN July 14 through 19. She enjoyed cabin wars, water battles, tree-climbing, archery, fishing, and learning American Sign Language (ASL). Megan enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends who had experiences which mir-

rored her own and with whom she could easily communicate.

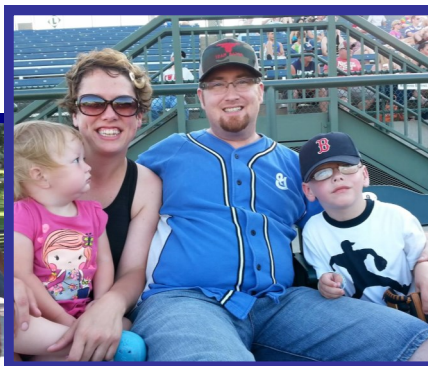
Megan expressed that going to Camp Sertoma was one of the best things she's participated in it is a great place where you can be yourself, learn ASL and make friends while having fun.

2013 Summer Enrichment Program

The fifth Summer Enrichment Program was held at SDSD during the month of July. Twenty-one students, ranging in ages from 3 to 13, from Sioux Falls and surrounding towns including Valley Springs, Tea, Beresford, Vermillion, Dell Rapids, Springfield, Alexandria, Baltic, and Elkton attended. Ten of the 21 students were new comers to the program and 11 were veterans. Collaborative efforts between SD Parent Connections, Augustana College, and SDSD Outreach positively impacted the program's reach this year.

The themes were baseball and teamwork with weekly field trips to destinations including a strawberry farm, Canaries baseball field, Leif Erickson Day Camp Challenge Course, McKennan Park Storyland

Theatre, Outdoor Campus, and Wellness Center. Field trips provided excellent language and socialization opportunities. The Summer Enrichment Program is critical to the social and emotional development of deaf and hard of hearing youth. While school districts can provide for academic needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, it is more difficult to provide a peer social group to practice social skills. The program, funded by a grant from the Department of Education, provides deaf and hard of hearing students the opportunity to be part of a group who is just like them, not different. All children need to feel like they belong to a community and the Summer Enrichment Program provides that sense of belonging.



MWCDE at Augie

The Midwest Conference on Deaf Education was held July 15-16 at Augustana College with “Piecing it all together: Putting knowledge to work,” was the theme. One hundred and forty-five participants from 17 states included professionals such as itinerant teachers, classroom teachers, outreach consultants, future teachers, interpreters, speech clinicians, administrators, and parents. Keynote speaker, Dr. John Luckner, discussed the importance of establishing effective educational environments. He provided practical suggestions for addressing the unique needs of the students who are deaf or hard of

hearing. Keynote, Dr. David Smith, spoke on self-advocacy while encouraging attendees to instill determination in Deaf youth at an early age. Breakout sessions included presentations by Karen Putz on the social and emotional implications of social bluffing and Dr. Perry Hanavan’s overview of recent advances in technology needed to assist the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the classroom. Other speakers discussed the benefits of fingerspelling, using ASL classifiers appropriately, and the benefits of developing role models and peer relationships using today’s technology.

SF Mayoral Visit

July 25, Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether visited SDSD’s Sioux Falls campus to meet the Summer Enrichment Program students, staff, and tour the facilities. Colleen Moran, assistant city attorney, and Daniel Bagherpour, intern, accompanied the mayor.

Mayor Mike took time to say hello to each student and staff member while sharing personal stories about following your dreams. He even learned a few sign to use with the students. It was great being able to share SDSD’s vision and activities with the Mayor.



Globe University Guest Lecture

Sara Hansen, SDSD Service Coordinator, was the guest lecturer for Nancy Burt’s Psychology class at Globe University in Sioux Falls on July 25. Topics discussed included hearing loss, hearing protection, personal and assistive technologies, Early Hearing

Detection and Intervention (EHDI), and deafness as a disability versus a cultural identity. The group participated in some activities relating to hearing protection and simulations of hearing loss, hearing aids, and cochlear implants.

SD EHDI Committee Formed

A group of physicians, audiologists, parents, and service providers in the area of hearing loss have made inroads towards the development of an Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) committee for the state of South Dakota. Dr. Laura Davis-Keppen from Sanford Health convened the initial meeting on July 30 with attendees including Teresa Fendrich, Audiologist with Avera Health Systems, Lucy Fossen, SD Department of Health, Perry Hanavan, Audiologist with Augustana College's Communication Sciences and Disorders department, Sara Hansen, SDSD Service Coordinator, Jessica Messersmith, Audiologist with USD's Com-

munication Sciences and Disorders department, and Teresa Nold, parent and representative for the Deaf community. Topics included possible state initiatives relating to data collection, referral procedures, education/training, and general service protocols. The committee will meet bimonthly to address procedures supporting The Center for Disease Control's efforts to ensure every child receives a hearing screen by one month of age. More information on EHDI and the 1-3-6 Program is available at www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/ehdi-goals.html.



CSD Golf Event

On July 31, Laura Scholten and Kim Wadsworth participated in the annual Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD) Golf Classic and Charity Auction. Nearly 100 golfers who participated in this year's fes-

tivities. The event raised over \$60,000 for CSD's human service programs for deaf and hard of hearing consumers throughout the nation.



In-service Update



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SDSD Outreach Consultant In-Services

Eileen Anderson.....	10
Julie Delfs.....	6
Carol Johnson	6
Sarah Lingle.....	7
Julie Luke	8
Naomi Mangan	4
Nina Ringstmeyer	5
Kerry Ruth	6
Jodi Schnider	6
Laura Scholten.....	2
Kami Van Sickle.....	7
Total.....	67

In-services and guest lectures are provided by members of the SDSD Outreach team as an extension of support for children and students with hearing loss. These in-services may relate to hearing loss 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

The following report details audiological services provided to South Dakota children from July 1, 2013 through August 29, 2013 on SDSD's campus or via the mobile lab .

Total Screened:	800
Total Evaluated:	100
*SNHL Found:	6
*CHL Found:	16
Mobile Sites:	15

SNHL— sensorineural hearing loss
CHL— conductive hearing loss



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