

Interactive Videoconference Series

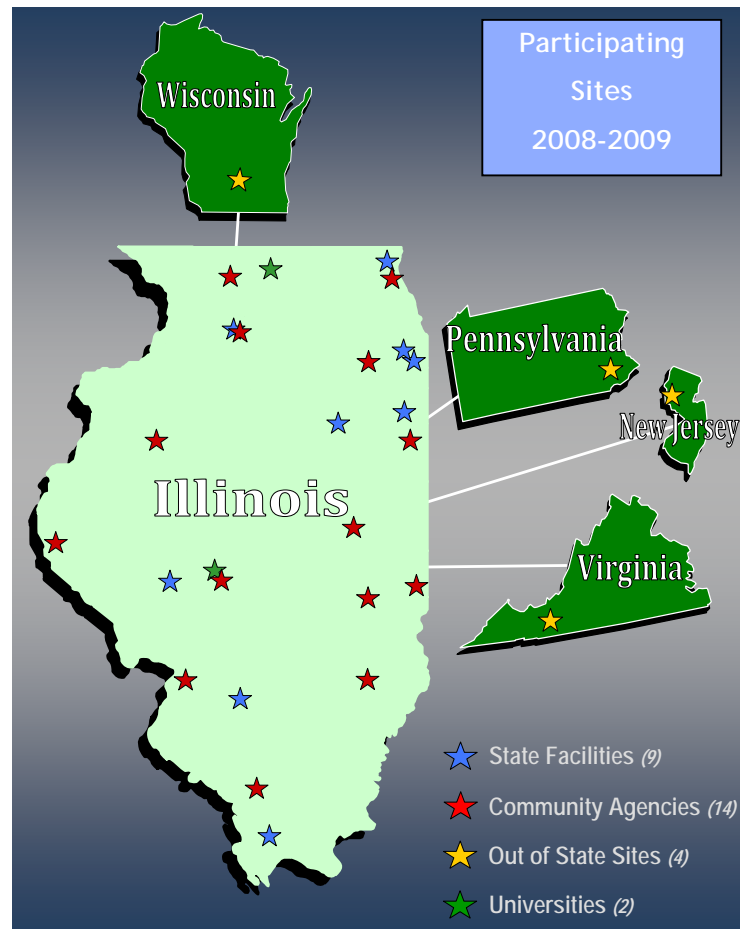


Developmental Medicine and Psychiatry Program Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Psychiatry Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

The Developmental Medicine and Psychiatry Program — also known as DD Topic — focuses on educational topics that foster a high level of person-centered support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The educational program is held on the third Friday of every month by videoconference for two hours from September through July. Direct care staff, nurses, physicians, counselors, pharmacists, and administrators who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities attend from throughout Illinois and several states in the US.

Since 2004, the program has grown to reach 29 locations with an average attendance of 155 people per session. In February and March of 2009, sessions on autism drew a record attendance of over 330 people from 29 sites for each session.

The SIU Department of Psychiatry provides this program in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Services—Division of Developmental Disabilities, and SIU Telehealth Networks & Programs.

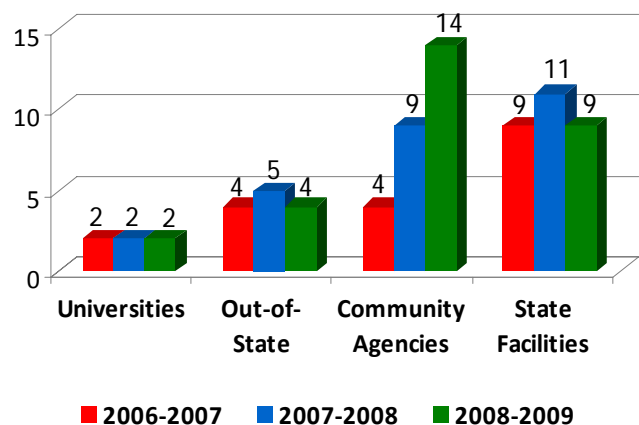


“Development and implementation of the Telehealth DD Topic Review program has enabled over fifteen hundred direct care service providers, health care professionals and others who support the needs of persons with intellectual disabilities, the ability to participate in meaningful education and training experiences that otherwise would not be available.”

Dr. Rod Curtis
Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Psychiatry, SIU School of Medicine, and Clinical Director for Bureau of Clinical Services. IDHS Division of Developmental Disabilities

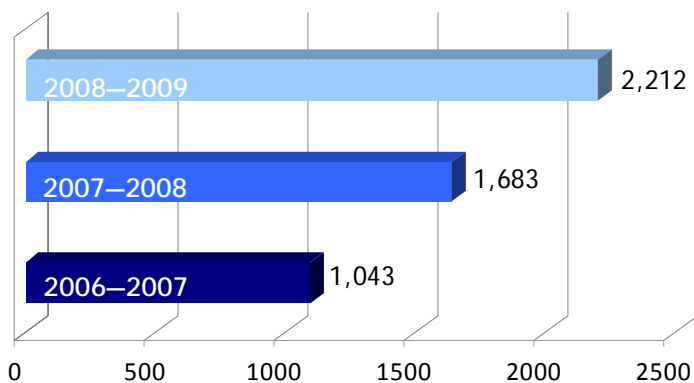


DD Topic Participating Sites 2006 through 2009

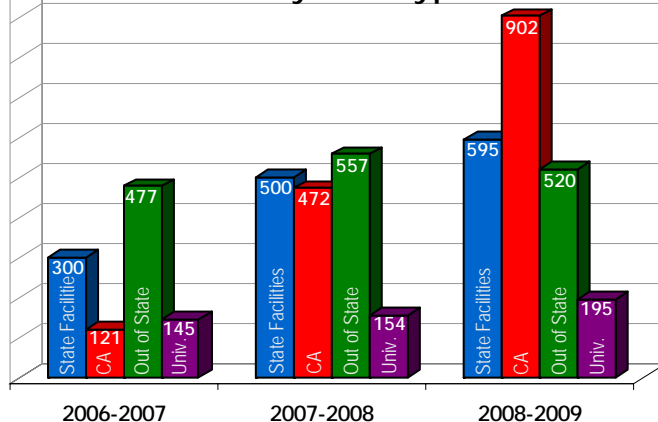


Accomplishments

Total Attendance by Year



Attendance by Site Type & Year



The number of participating organizations increased from 19 to 29 over three years (see chart on page 1). Attendance per site grew as well — up from 55 to 76 attendees per site. Due to these two factors combined, overall attendance more than doubled (see above left). Community agencies (CA) experienced the largest growth in attendance followed by state facilities, universities and out-of-state organizations (see above right). Among community agencies, attendance increased more than seven-fold — from 121 to 902 participants. For state facilities, attendance nearly doubled — from 300 to 595.



“The Telehealth presentations are an excellent mechanism to provide staff with state of the art, timely information and training in an efficient manner. The ability to not only hear information from specialists in the field, but also to be able to actually interact and discuss specific cases, is a benefit to staff who work in the developmental disabilities field.”

*- Peggy Davidsmeyer, Acting Center Director
Jacksonville Developmental Center*

A typical educational program reaches a diverse group of attendees that includes physicians, counselors, psychologists, administrators, nurses and direct care staff.

DD Topic Impacts Multiple Stakeholders and Provides A Large Variety of Topics

Benefits

- Videoconferencing allows individuals to attend educational events without having to travel.
- Unique topics are presented to cover all aspects of the support for the person served.
- Presentations provide standards and best practices for medication administration.
- Practical applications are given for daily direct support.
- New therapies and regulations are addressed.
- Multi-disciplinary teams engage in knowledge sharing.



Integrating Behavior Interventions and Psychotropic Medications: A Multidisciplinary Approach

Diagnosis and Treatment of Infections of the Skin in Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Understanding Tardive Dyskinesia

Audiology Assessment in the DD Population

Maintaining Healthcare Records in the Community and Communicating Health Care Issues to Clinicians

“As a rural service provider, we have found the DD Topic program to be an invaluable source of information about serving individuals with developmental disabilities. We previously would send staff members to major metropolitan areas to access expert speakers. Now, the DD Topics program offers access to these specialists within our own community. This access has resulted in staff that are better educated and better prepared to provide services to individuals with developmental disabilities.”

*- Patsy Cook, Director of Community Services
Malcolm Eaton Enterprises, Freeport, IL*

**Over three years,
4,938 participants ...
58 hours ...
29 events**