2012 Assistance Dog Program







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HANDLER: DIANE RAMPELBERG

ASSISTANCE DOGS: OVELLE PRAIRIE IV





Average Age: 12.82 years
Gender Split: Males 57.63%;

Females 42.37%

Site: Meridian Pediatrics

Schedule: Assistance Dogs work four/10 hour days per week

Average Number of Daily Interactions with patients: 50

2012 Clinical Outcomes

- 100% of patients or their caregivers felt that Ovelle and/or Prairie were **valuable** to their therapy program.
- 99.65% felt Ovelle and/or Prairie helped them work harder in therapy.
- 100% felt Ovelle and/or Prairie helped them achieve their goals faster.
- 100% of the therapists felt Ovelle and/or Prairie were valuable to their patient's therapy program.
- 100% of the therapists felt Ovelle and/or Prairie made their patients work harder in therapy.
- 100% of the therapists felt Ovelle and/or Prairie helped their patient achieve his/her goals faster.

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2012 Clinical Outcomes **Therapist Comments:**

- Patient achieved 15 of his 15 physical therapy goals during the specified period. He had significant behavior issues which were a barrier to adequate participation in therapy sessions until we began working with the dogs which continue to be a strong motivator.
- Patient's motivation to participate in activities has been greatly enhanced with the dogs presence.
- Patient was seen only 7 times during the specified period. She had behavior issues limiting her progress but was very motivated to modify her behavior when able to work with the dogs. She is already now able to generalize her improved attention and behavior at times when the dogs are unavailable.
- The dogs assistance has been an invaluable tool in helping this patient in self-regulation skills.
- Patient has demonstrated a significant amount of progress in initiation of and use of communication skills with the dogs presence.

Key Historical Metrics

Outcome data compilation started November of 2007 with a goal of 90% or better

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number Served/Daily Interactions	79	117	159	*	50**
Patient or caregiver feels Ovelle/Prairie was valuable to therapy program	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Patient or caregiver feels Ovelle/Prairie helped patient work harder in therapy	100%	100%	100%	98.33%	99.65%
Patient or caregiver feels Ovelle/Prairie helped achieve goals faster	96.8%	96.9%	97.8%	100%	100%
Therapist feels Ovelle/ Prairie was valuable to therapy program	100%	99.9%	99.4%	100%	100%
Therapist feel Ovelle/ Prairie helped patient work harder in therapy	98.7%	99.1%	99.4%	100%	100%
Therapist feels Ovelle/ Prairie helped achieve goals faster.	97.5%	98.3%	98.7%	100%	100%

^{*} The actual number of patients is no longer tracked due to new system. The average number of therapy visits per patient is now tracked. We should have numbers for you in 2012.

^{**} Daily interactions were defined as times the Assistance Dog/s interacted with the patients for therapeutic purposes. These interactions occurred in individual and group situations and could last anywhere from a few minutes (example: assisting with a transition) to an hour or more depending on the needs of the patient.



Dustin's Paw Parent Workshops

Workshop Title	Date	Therapist/s	Number of Participants
It Takes Two to Talk Series	March 6, 2009 March 13, 2009 March 27, 2009	Joshua Cline Amber Gresham Diane Rampelberg	11
Music Magic	October 2, 2010	Amber Gresham Christine Hatab Diann Davis-Martin Kim List Kaela Laudal Gina Von Bargen Stephanie Rock Tiffany Dean	8
Potty Training	February 18, 2011	Kim List Rebecca Strickler	12
Music Magic	July 12, 2011	Amber Gresham Tiffany Dean Kaela Laudal Mary Van Donsel Diann Davis-Martin Pat Vandervelden	6
Music Magic	July 13, 2011	Amber Gresham Tiffany Dean Kaela Laudal Mary Van Donsel Diann Davis-Martin Pat Vandervelden	6
Selecting and Using Toys	October 28, 2011	Mary Van Donsel	5
Potty Training	February 4, 2012	Kim List Rebecca Strickler	9
Challenge Behavior in Young Children	March 17, 2012	Christine Hatab Stephanie Rock Amber Gresham	10
Music Magic	Sept 28, 2012	Diane Rampelberg	2
Music Magic	Sept 29, 2012	Diane Rampelberg	9
Music Magic	Oct 6, 2013	Amber Gresham Elsa Obert Miranda Johnson Christin Hatab Sephanie Rock	7
Music Magic	Nov 8, 2012	Diane Rampelberg	1
Music Magic	Feb 18, 2013 10AM	Diane Rampelberg	1
Music Magic	Feb 18, 2013 11AM	Diane Rampelberg	1
Potty Training	Feb 23, 2013	Rebecca Stickler Kaitlyn Haller	9

Total number of workshops = 15 to date Total number of participants = 97 to date

Limiting Factors: Space, Child Care, Time and Pay for Therapists