

Exchange Students Visit Up to 3 | CPD

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Two occupational therapy students from South Korea spent a month with the Up to 3 program recently. They are Ha-eun Kim (Rosie, at left) and Eun Ji (Helen, at right)

Two occupational therapy students from a university in South Korea spent a month with the Up to 3 Early Intervention program at Utah State University's Center for Persons with Disabilities. The students have gone on client home visits with Up to 3 service coordinators, speech therapists, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

Ha-eun Kim (also known as Rosie) said, "This has been a very important experience to me in Up to 3."

Almost all early intervention services in Korea are performed in a hospital setting, she said.

"There are no home visiting programs in South Korea, so I want to do that when I get back."

She said as an occupational therapist, it would be up to her to put a team in place.

"I have to find the teacher and I have to connect with others by e-mail," she said. "There is no place like Up to 3 to meet. It is awesome here. The core team is very good—the speech therapist, physical therapist, occupational therapist and the service coordinator all work together.

Eun Ji (also known as Helen), said, "Before I came here, I didn't know the difference between a hospital setting and a community setting. This was my first time to see home visits. Now I'm interested in community settings and home visiting."

This was the first trip to Utah, and the United States, for both students, and they agreed on more than the concept of home visits: "Utah is beautiful, and I would like to visit again."