

Professional Learning Opportunities on Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)/Dyslexia

Connecticut's SLD/Dyslexia Initiative Website
<http://www.ctserc.org/index.php/dyslexia>

A CSDE and SERC collaboration providing the most current information to school districts and families. You will find resources, professional learning opportunities, and information for educators, parents, and students.

Increasing Awareness of SLD/Dyslexia – a *free* archived webinar

Listen to this discussion by Connecticut leaders in SLD/Dyslexia as they review CT's definition of dyslexia, explore issues surrounding the identification of students, and present evidence-based practices for structured literacy instruction and intervention.

Identifying Students with SLD/Dyslexia: An Online Course - *No Registration Fee!*

This self-paced web-based course offers an early elementary case-study comprehensive approach to understanding reading difficulties and SLD/Dyslexia. Participants are guided through a school team's process for a collaborative decision-making system through Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI), including examining universal screening data, designing and implementing tiers of reading instruction, monitoring student progress via trend line analysis, and engaging families. The special education eligibility determination process includes designing a comprehensive evaluation and applying CT's 2010 Guidelines for Identifying Children with Learning Disabilities. Registration for this course is ongoing.

CT Forum on Promising Practices in SLD/Dyslexia – December 1, 2015

Professionals and families are invited to come and learn about what is working in Connecticut school districts for students with Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD)/Dyslexia! This innovative conference will highlight an array of evidence-based identification methods and structured literacy instructional approaches (e.g., Lindamood-Bell, Orton-Gillingham, Wilson Reading Program). Connecticut reading and special education professionals will facilitate breakout sessions on general education and special education collaboration, parent outreach, district-wide systemic approaches, and secondary-level interventions. Participants will also have the opportunity to review SLD/Dyslexia resources and network with educational vendors and professional service providers.

SLD/Dyslexia: Research to Practice – coming soon!

This professional learning opportunity is a comprehensive series of video web-based learning modules featuring experts presenting on the foundations of reading and SLD/Dyslexia. Topics include: the neurobiological basis of SLD/Dyslexia, reading and language development, identification of SLD/Dyslexia, and structured literacy instruction and intervention.

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