STRUCTURED LITERACY:
Vital for Students with SLD/Dyslexia, Beneficial for All

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What is Structured Literacy?

Structured Literacy is an umbrella term chosen by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) to unify and encompass evidence-based programs and approaches that are effective for students identified with SLD/Dyslexia (most commonly known as Orton-Gillingham or Multisensory Structured Language). In addition to teaching decoding skills explicitly and
systematically, a *Structured Literacy* program/approach ensures that students understand the elements of language, including phonology, orthography, morphology, syntax, and semantics. While this approach is beneficial for all students, it is *vital* for those with dyslexia.

About 80% of individuals diagnosed with learning disabilities, will have difficulty with various aspects of reading.

**Beginning in Fall 2017, Literacy How will offer a Structured Literacy PD Series:**

- Understanding and Assessing Language-Based Learning Disabilities, Including Dyslexia
- Phonemic Awareness and Beginning Phonics: The Foundation of Learning to Read
- Advanced Phonics and Morphology Instruction: Linking Sounds, Symbols and Meaning
- Grammar and Syntax: The Building Blocks of Comprehending and Writing Sentences
- Semantics: Strengthening Vocabulary and Text Comprehension

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**Two Ways to Experience the Structured Literacy PD Series**

- Schools and districts can contract directly with Literacy How to deliver this training in their district, for a group rate. Several already have! Schools and districts can also arrange for follow-up embedded coaching sessions. If interested, please contact Kim Herard at (203) 239-7323.
- Individual special education teachers, reading interventionists, and staff (and parents) who work with struggling readers can register for the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 series that will be held at the Energize CT Center in North Haven, CT.
Our Mission is to EMPOWER TEACHERS to ensure that every child learns to read by third grade.