



Have you tried to go a week, or even a day, without reading? A letter from a friend, a webpage, directions on a microwave dinner, an invitation to a party — our lives are filled with words. DII's work gives children and adults the skills to work and play in our language-based society.

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A Word from the New Executive Director, Rosie Hickle

As the ice from the end of winter is hitting my office window, I am envisioning that spring is right around the corner but guess what; we are still in Indiana. Sooner than we know it though, spring will bring new life, growth and refreshed future vision.

With this in mind I am filled with visions for DII. A little more than a month ago, I was announced as the new Executive Director for this amazing organization. I began my work here in 1994 as a Camp Delafield tutor. My love for this organization grows more and more each year as I see the power of the work we do and hear how our services change lives in the most amazing ways. It still brings tears of joy to my eyes every time another success testimonial is given.

There is, however, still so much more to do. There are thousands of school children with Dyslexia here in Indiana who endure frustration and demoralization on a daily basis as they struggle to acquire skills that many of us take for granted. Dyslexia is many times a very invisible disability that leads to school failure. Even though it is difficult for our students to read or write like their peers, the Dyslexic brain is highly gifted in other areas. Dyslexics frequently prevail in mechanics, engineering, athletics and architecture. We also see the Dyslexic brain excelling in the performing and visual arts. Can you imagine the world of today and tomorrow without people who excel in these fields? Dyslexic students have normal to superior intelligence and through recent research advancements we have a greater understanding of how to teach students who process information differently. We have no excuses. It is up to each one of us to make a difference in their lives.

We need many hands and hearts to make this vision possible. We cannot make this a reality without your help. This newsletter contains several articles about ways in which you can share your time, talent, and resources to help mold and strengthen our next generation of leaders. Most importantly, we need your help to spread the word about what we do at DII. Help us blossom and ensure that all children and adults receive the support they need to become successful. Now is the time to give students the skills and strategies they need to access the world around them through the printed word. We appreciate your support of our bright future!

Introducing New DII Board Chair . . .

Paul Bogdanoff, CPA with Kelley Hardesty Smith and Co. was appointed DII Board of Directors Chair in November. He is not only thrilled with the Board's unanimous approval of Rosie Hickle as DII's Executive Director, but also with the staff's full support of the nomination.

Paul served as the Board of Directors Treasurer from 2003-2006, and originally came to DII after receiving advocacy support from Rosie for his dyslexic daughter's first IEP conference. Thanks to this early intervention, Paul's daughter is now a successful, honor roll eighth grader at Westlane Middle School.

The entire Board is excited to see Hickle's vision for DII unfold over the coming months.

Paul explains, "We are all anxious to support Rosie's vision to provide greater staff empowerment and increased community collaboration. We feel this appointment will create positive and widespread agency growth and believe in Rosie's ability to uphold the DII's unwavering commitment to Indiana's language-learning disabled students."





Camp Delafield

Since 1990, Camp Delafield has provided a unique summer experience for children with language learning disabilities. Each summer, students ages 7-14 gather for several weeks of intense academic remediation and community-building. A typical day includes:

Morning Academics

- One on one Orton-Gillingham tutoring
 - Daily small groups focused on reading comprehension, written expression and mathematics
 - Dynamic visual and performing arts programs
 - Individualized lessons to address specific learning needs

Afternoon Activities

- Martial Arts Instruction to help campers practice self-discipline and gain greater confidence
- Swimming, field trips and non-competitive sports
- Popular mystery guests
- Rotating activity clubs
- Campfire Night
- Ropes Challenge Course

New This Year!

- RAVE-O, An engaging and systematic approach to improving reading fluency and comprehension in a small group setting
- Field trip to CurveWorld, the interactive learning community at the New Indianapolis Central Library Facility

Two four-week camp sessions are offered beginning June 2nd and July 7th and space is still available! For more information about Camp Delafield, contact Collette Huffman at chuffman@dyslexiaindiana.org or call (317)545-5451, ext. 225.

Graduates of the 2007 OG Class

Congratulations to the newest graduates of DII's Basic Orton-Gillingham Training! We are happy to welcome these talented new instructors to our staff:

Wendy Arnold	Amy Peterson
Colleen Caito	Meagan Wilson
Ronda Hoagland	Lynn Zarvas

Read to Achieve

Sunday, March 2, 2008 was a special night at Conseco Fieldhouse. Several DII students were nominated by their tutors to participate in the Indiana Pacers' *Read to Achieve* Event. The students received free books and goodie bags, and attended a special pre-game "Reading Time Out" where former Pacer Darnell "Dr. Dunk" Hillman and Pacemate Madalyn Rivers read several books to the kids. Later, they were escorted on to the floor to high-five the Pacers and accept autographed books from the players.

Thank you Indiana Pacers!



Welcome New Staff Members!

Vendora Mills, Program Administrator

Vendora first came to DII as an Indiana Business College Intern last summer while working to attain her degree in Human Resources Management, and accepted a full-time position with DII last month. She is passionate about youth and community affairs and is excited to apply her experience and knowledge to progress the mission of our organization. A consistent member of the IBC Dean's List, Vendora will graduate this June.

Collette Douglas, Camp Delafield Director/ Communications Coordinator

Collette attended Valparaiso University and graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Education. She was first introduced to the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana in 2001 when her son James was diagnosed with dyslexia. As both a former Camp Delafield parent and member of the DII Instructional staff, Collette is well prepared to serve DII families.

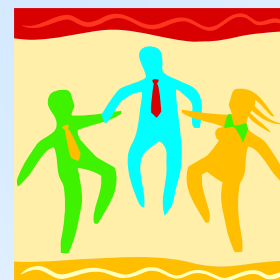
The Communications Coordinator role will allow Collette the opportunity to enhance DII's Public Awareness,

strengthening community partnerships and coordinating new marketing initiatives. Collette is thrilled to utilize her business and education background to serve the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana in an expanded capacity.

Mike Silver, Assistant Camp Delafield Director

A life-long Indianapolis resident and member of the DII Instructional staff since 1999, Mike has education degrees from Butler and Indiana Universities and has taught remedial reading, language arts, and special education. Mike previously directed the academic staff at Camp Delafield and is excited to take-on a new role as Assistant Camp Director.

We welcome all our new employees and look forward to the many gifts each individual brings to our team!



The 2008 Indianapolis Monthly Dream Home

The 2008 *Indianapolis Monthly* Dream Home Event preparations are underway and the home will be open to the public this Fall. We are *always* in need of volunteers. Would you please consider helping us this year and possibly bringing a friend, your bridge group, book group, or anything that might make it a fun event? Due to the fact that *Home-a-Rama* is later this year (and we generally follow this event), our opening date may be later than usual.

If you are interested in volunteering, please leave you name, address, and phone number on the Dream Home voice mail: (317) 545-5451, x227, and we'll add you to our volunteer list; volunteer forms and information will be sent to you closer to the event date. The Dream Home is a great event and we would be most grateful for your help! This is DII's primary annual fundraiser and the success of the event greatly impacts what our organization can accomplish in the community during the year. If you are looking for a way to impact struggling learners in Indianapolis, please consider volunteering at the 2008 Dream Home!

DII 2008 Training Schedule

DII has the following Trainings Scheduled for 2008. Please see our website or call our office for additional information: www.dyslexiaindiana.org, (317) 545-5451

Orton-Gillingham Basic Training

For Teachers

Session 1: June 16-27

Session 2: July 27-August 1

New Employees/ Parents

August 18 - September 22, Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am—1pm (no Labor Day)

Workshops:

Phonemic Awareness Workshop: August 5th

Phonology Small Group Instruction Workshop: August 6th

Building Fluency and Comprehension Workshop: August 7th

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