

Previous LDC Seminars

March 2011

VOCABULARY IS VITAL

Empowering children and adolescents with learning difficulties through vocabulary enrichment

Presenters:

Julia Starling, Speech-Language Pathologist & Annette Guterres, Special Education Teacher

Children and adolescents with language, learning and attention difficulties often have poorly developed vocabulary skills, which will be having an often significant impact on their academic, social and personal development. Annette Guterres is a highly experienced special education teacher, and former president of the Professional Association for Learning Support. Julia Starling is a similarly experienced speech-language pathologist with a special interest in language-based learning difficulties. In this seminar, for parents, teachers and other interested professionals, Annette and Julia will explore the current research on vocabulary instruction, and will present a range of highly practical and useful vocabulary-enriching strategies for use in the classroom and at home.

November 2010

ADHD Assessment, differential diagnosis, co-morbidities and treatments

Presenter:

Dr Daryl Efron, Developmental-Behavioural Paediatrician Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

The individual differences model is fundamental to understanding children who learn and behave differently. In this presentation, Dr Efron will discuss the current conceptualisation of ADHD and related disorders, and clinical evaluation procedures. Interventions will be discussed, emphasising the goal of supporting and promoting the child's positive developmental trajectory. The key principle of long-term collaboration between children, parents, schools and health professionals will be highlighted.

September 2010

Reading Difficulties: Research & Treatment

Presenter:

Dr Genevieve McArthur, Australian Research Fellow from the Macquarie Centre for Cognitive Science (Macquarie University)

In her presentation, she will discuss the definition of developmental dyslexia (i.e. reading difficulty) and how it can be diagnosed. She will discuss theories about what causes developmental dyslexia, outline commercial treatments that have been triggered by these theories, and the scientific evidence behind these treatments. Additionally, she will provide a step-by-step guide that will help teachers, parents and educational professionals assess the existing evidence for new treatments for developmental dyslexia. This guide will help us to make more informed decisions about the best forms of treatment for children with developmental dyslexia.

Previous LDC Seminars (cont'd)

BULLYING

May 2010

Presenter: Ian Wallace

Ian Wallace is a Consultant Psychologist, with a wealth of experience working with families, children and adolescents. In this seminar Ian will address the issue of bullying, and provide practical, “no-nonsense” ideas about how to bully proof and create resilience and responsibility in children and adolescents. The seminar will be of relevance to parents as well as all professionals working with young people. Ian conducts seminars around Australia for television, radio, universities, professionals, schools and support groups. He is the Director and Consultant Psychologist with Forestway Psychology Centre in Sydney.

Anxiety & Depression in Children & Adolescents with Learning Difficulties

March 2010

Presenter: Dr Ann Wignall

Dr Ann Wignall is a Clinical Psychologist and Director for Child & Adolescent Mental Health for North Shore and Ryde. Dr Wignall founded the Child and Adolescent Anxiety Clinic at Royal North Shore Hospital and was also co-developer/author of the Cool Kids Anxiety treatment program with Ron Rapee, “Treating Anxious Children and Adolescents” (a therapists book) and “Helping your Anxious Child” (a parents guide).

Dr Wignall’s presentation will discuss anxiety and depression in children and adolescents, especially those with learning difficulties.

Why are LD children and adolescents at such risk of anxiety and depression and what can parents, teachers and professionals do?

Management of Oppositional Behaviours: in the classroom and at home

November 2009

Presenter: Ian Luscombe, Principal Redbank School

Strategies for parents and teachers on the environmental factors that influence behaviour. “Why do they muck up” and what you can do to prevent this behaviour.

Learning and Attentional Disorders: implications of neuroplasticity

September 2009

**International Presenter:
Professor Rosemary Tannock**

Strategies to reduce the load on the working memory and assist students to learn efficiently and reduce problematic behaviours in the classroom.

An Approach to the Complementary and Alternative Interventions in ASD

May 2009

Presenter: Dr Natalie Silove, Developmental Paediatrician & Head of the Child Development Unit at The Children’s Hospital Westmead.

Practical Management Strategies for School Students with AD/HD

February 2009

Presenter: Virginia Hastings, Special Education Teacher

This seminar provided both parents and teachers with an overview of AD/HD and strategies that can be adopted both in the home and at school.

Previous Seminars Cont'd

Special Examination Provisions for HSC and School Certificate

November 2008

Presenters: Board of Studies Staff

Discussion and information about who can apply for these provisions, what is required when making an application and the types of provisions that are provided to students.

Small Steps Anxiety Awareness

September 2008

Presenter: Emma Pinn, Health Education Officer, Mental Health Association

What is and what causes anxiety? What strategies parents and teachers can use? What other options of treatment are available?

Going to the Heart of Autism: RDI (Relationship Development Intervention®)

March 2008

Presenters: Elizabeth Ponce, Irena Woodward, Janice Marshall

A program to develop dynamic intelligence – opening the door to:

- *reciprocal communication*
- *genuine friendships*
- *school and workplace success*
- *confident, independent living*

“To Help Me, You Need To Understand Me”

November 2007

Presenters: Cathy and Mick Madden

Jessica is 14 years of age and has autism. Her parents, Cathy and Mick Madden will talk about Jessica’s journey.

The link between Inattention and Learning Disorders

August 2007

International Presenter: Prof Rosemary Tannock

Her research investigates the causes and treatment of AD/HD with a specific focus on the cognitive and academic difficulties and overlap with learning difficulties. Professor Tannock and her colleagues have developed a multi-media set of resources on AD/HD for teachers for use in Professional Development.

“Support for Children With Learning and Attentional Problems” – An International Perspective

March 2007

An International Perspective Speaker: Jude Foster, LDC President.

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