



It's Dyslexia Awareness Month

Looking for professional development or a way to increase awareness about dyslexia in your school community? Start by watching *The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia*, then check out our resources below.

[Watch The Big Picture >>](#)



Upcoming Trainings



New Dates Added! Dyslexia Awareness & Resources Training Tour

This November, join AIM-VA and dyslexia expert [Mary Stowe](#), as well as members from parent and advocacy groups, to talk about our current understandings of dyslexia and resources available to address dyslexia. The new tour stops in Fairfax, Richmond, and Chesapeake, Va. Nov. 11-13.

[Learn more >>](#)



From the Blog



Decoding Dyslexia Utah: 15 Things Never to Say to Parent of A Child With Dyslexia

Utah's parent group offers food for thought with a list of 15 comments that members do not want to hear from educators or others.

[Read more >>](#)



Watch and Learn



Free Webinar: Digital Audio in Google Docs

Need text-to-speech when using Google files? Join guest speaker Jennifer Mitchell, Assistive Technology Specialist, as we take a brief look at free and low cost options for accessibility while using Google.

[Register for the webinar >>](#)



Partner Resources



Through Your Child's Eyes

As a parent, it can be difficult to relate to a child with learning disabilities. Understood.org offers a firsthand look at what it feels like to live with learning and attention issues via simulations and videos to better understand your child's world.

[Learn more >>](#)



FAQs



Who is the 'competent authority' to determine an organic dysfunction?

Doctors of medicine and doctors of osteopathy are deemed to be competent authorities under the Chafee Amendment when determining an organic dysfunction. They may also consult with colleagues in associated disciplines such as those associated with a student's school.

[Read more >>](#)



Share your Story



Ben Buchanan: Why I Love Audio books

In this inspirational story from LD OnLine, Ben explains why he loves "reading" audio books. Despite dyslexia, Ben is the child author of two books inspired by the popular Harry Potter series. Inspired? [Share your story](#) with AIM-VA today.

[Read Ben's story >>](#)



Did you know?



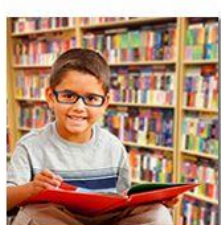
It's TechKnowledge time again!

Log on Nov. 10-12 for an online conference sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education and T/TAC that highlights evidence-based practices in Assistive Technology (AT), current trends, and practical AT strategies.

[Learn more >>](#)



Eligibility



Is my child eligible?

In order to qualify for AIM-VA, students must have an IEP and a note from a medical doctor showing one of the Chafee Amendment criterion has been met.

[Find out if your child is eligible >>](#)



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