



**DECODING  
DYSLEXIA**



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# The State of Dyslexia in New Jersey

In 2013/14, Governor Christie signed 3 dyslexia-related bills into law:

- IDA Definition of Dyslexia into the State Education Code
- Mandatory Professional Development on Dyslexia for Public School Teachers
- Early Dyslexia Screening

So where are we now? How have these new laws impacted our schools, our teachers and our children? Come spend an evening with Decoding Dyslexia-NJ and distinguished guests to discuss how the new dyslexia laws have played out in the real world setting. Learn about the changes to educational environments and the shifts in attitudes and thought processes taking place in many districts across the state. If things seem slow to move in your community, join us and hear from other parents & educators about how to take steps towards improved outcomes in your school. Detailed examples of implementation and resources will be presented.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Gordon F. Sherman, Ph.D.

### Welcome to the Future: Where Diverse Brains Thrive

Dyslexia is not a product of a dysfunctional brain, but an example of learning diversity that can excel in the real world outside of school. Unfortunately, a dysfunctional education system often awaits those who learn differently. This talk will describe the value of cerebrodiversity (our species' collective neural heterogeneity), of which dyslexia is a byproduct, and to challenge conventional assumptions about socially and culturally defined disabilities. Individuals with dyslexia will be encouraged by providing a context for understanding dyslexia's enigmas, and to explore solutions for success. Technology also will be a focus of this presentation.

Gordon F. Sherman, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of The Laurel School of Princeton, The Newgrange School in Hamilton, and The Newgrange Education Center in Princeton. Before joining Newgrange, he was the Director of the Dyslexia Research Laboratory at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and a faculty member in Neurology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Sherman received his doctorate in developmental psychobiology from the University of Connecticut. He is a former President and current board member of the International Dyslexia Association. In 2010, Dr. Sherman was appointed to the New Jersey Governor's Reading Disabilities Task Force.

## Rider University

### Bart Luedeke Center Auditorium

2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

**5 pm** Registration & Resources

**6 - 8:30 pm** Presentations & Panel Discussion

## AGENDA:

Keynote - Dr. Gordon Sherman  
NJ Updates on Implementation  
Panel Discussion  
Question & Answer Session

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