

# SLD Read



Specializing in literacy development since 1974.

SLD Read is a non-profit community resource established to provide instruction for students who have not succeeded with traditional teaching methods. Our vision is a community working together for literacy that empowers all individuals to achieve their full potential. To reach this vision, we **help individuals** with dyslexia, learning differences, and other reading challenges to develop lifelong language skills through our multisensory program. We **assist educators** to identify learning challenges and provide training and techniques to enhance their reading curriculum. We **increase community awareness** and understanding of literacy issues.

Since 1974, SLD Read's Phonics Fundamentals © program has been based on the Orton-Gillingham approach to teaching language arts skills. It is a research-based approach that teaches structured phonics, phonological awareness, knowledge of syllable division rules, spelling rules, and generalizations in a multisensory way. A student's opportunity for success is increased because lessons build on previously taught concepts and are presented in a systematic, cumulative, sequential fashion. Since 2008, SLD Read's Phonics Fundamentals© training program has been accredited by the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC) and in 2013, the SLD Read program became an IDA Recognized Program, meeting the IDA Standards for Teachers of Reading.



## Tutoring Services

Individualized tutoring services are contracted based on a sliding scale fee based on family size and income. We provide individualized, one-to-one tutoring for people of all ages. Students are scheduled two to three times per week for 45 to 60 minute sessions. For school-age students, services are provided at the student's school whenever possible.

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## Professional Development

SLD Read provides professional development courses for tutors, parents and educators. All SLD Read courses incorporate multisensory strategies, complement any classroom text or curriculum, are correlated to the Common Core State Standards and can be tailored, by special agreement, to help teachers directly apply these methods in their classrooms.

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Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids  
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## Community Workshops

Our Community Workshops are provided throughout West Michigan to support literacy development for all learners. Topics include language development and the areas of the brain which make up the "reading circuit", multisensory learning, learning styles and simulations to help adults better understand reading challenges and ways to support learners at home.

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