

Lorraine M. Hightower

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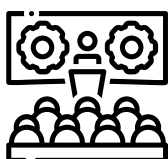


Lorraine is a passionate and powerful speaker who is on a mission to help the 1 in 5 children with dyslexia receive the services and support they need to learn and thrive, not just in school, but in life!

Lorraine has spoken to parents, educators, legislators, military personnel, pediatricians, and government officials on topics ranging from advocacy to legislation and how to help families navigate the special education process. Her advocacy efforts have even reached the Virginia State Legislature and in partnership with parents from Decoding Dyslexia Virginia (DDVA), she has been instrumental in helping to pass three state laws to benefit students with dyslexia and the teachers who work with them.

Her insights and engaging approach provide actionable takeaways for every audience. She is thoughtful and passionate about how to assist teachers, schools, families, and community leaders in how to meaningfully improve the experience of all stakeholders.

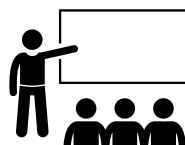
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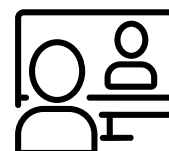
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A FEW OF LORRAINE'S SPEAKING TOPICS

Top 10 Ways to Support a Dyslexic Child

Dyslexia is the most common learning disability, yet it is often misidentified and misunderstood. This keynote presentation starts at the beginning, sharing what dyslexia is and what it is NOT. Then, Lorraine shares the important steps to take to ensure that a child with dyslexia receives the support they need to succeed in school and in life! Participants leave with actionable advice that they can use right away to support the dyslexic child they love.

The Dyslexia Dilemma: How Teachers Can Be a Part of the Solution

Teachers are in the unique position to help identify, remediate, and advocate for children with dyslexia. In this presentation, Lorraine will help teachers understand the problems dyslexic students face, as well as solutions that are proven to be effective. Most importantly, teachers will come away with an actionable list of items that they can start doing today to help their students get the services and support they need to learn and thrive in school.

Decoding Eligibility: What You Must Know Before Starting the Eligibility Process for your Dyslexic Child

In this interactive workshop, Lorraine will introduce parents to the special education process and help them understand how critical decisions are made in the public school system. Parents will be provided with templates and tools to help them prepare for the first step of their advocacy journey and avoid some of the most common bumps in the road.



WHAT AUDIENCES ARE SAYING

“Lorraine’s knowledge of special education, combined with her expertise in how to successfully advocate for students with disabilities and their families, is an asset in productively advocating for positive change from the IEP table to impacting systemic change.”

- Family Information Specialist, Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) & Founding Member of Decoding Dyslexia Virginia (DDVA)



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