



# 2011



## ANNUAL REPORT



**Dyslexia Institute  
of Indiana**

*Leveling the Path to Learning*

# THE FUTURE OF DII...

Dear DII Stakeholders,

In 2011 the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana (DII) celebrated 22 years of commitment to Indiana students, families, and educators and continued our diligent work toward building a better understanding of how to maximize the potential of individuals struggling with dyslexia.

This year, DII served a total of 1,069 individuals through our programs and services. Of those individuals, 665 received direct services through one or more of our four core programs. Our talented and professional staff members continually strive to enhance DII's mission. Community partnerships are strengthening as we are advancing our efforts to serve a broader spectrum of ages and learning needs. Our training and workshop opportunities have expanded and have reached community schools and literacy instructors all over the state. DII deepened its relationships with Indiana's universities and the Indiana Department of Education by offering more classes and workshops where educators receive credit and/or professional growth points in addition to expanded knowledge about alternative teaching strategies when working with students who learn differently. Sustainable academic support programs addressing the needs of students with dyslexia is still a critical need in Indiana.

DII also takes great pride in running a cost-effective organization. We diligently work through our budget process to remain fiscally sound throughout each year. We clearly embrace keeping our administrative costs reasonable so we are able to utilize the bulk of any funding received to reach students who need our financial assistance. We are so grateful to all our amazing contributors and those who make our fundraising events so successful. Our accomplishments would not be possible without this support.

DII maintains a strong commitment to timely and appropriate teaching strategies so every child can learn to read. We also know parents and students need resources over the course of the dyslexic learner's school and career life. DII celebrates a great history of successful academic remediation and looks forward to broadening our focus by celebrating the gifts and talents of the many students we have helped for over two decades.

Sincerely,



Rosie Hickle, Executive Director

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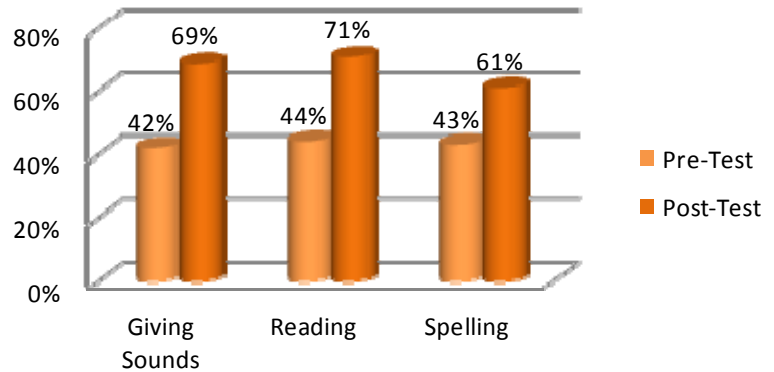
Lea Storm, Tutor Placement Coordinator

## WELLS OUTREACH EDUCATION PROGRAM

Wells Outreach provides year round tutoring for children and adults using the Orton-Gillingham Approach for language. Instructors meet with students at least twice a week to provide one-on-one tutoring in reading, including comprehension and fluency, spelling, expressive writing, and math. In fiscal year 2011, Wells Outreach Education Program provided tutoring to 164 students, of which 90 (or 55%) received financial scholarships.

I have been very pleased with our experience so far and would highly recommend DII. From my first inquiry until now, the staff at DII has been helpful and kind. We are also very pleased with our tutor! -DII Parent

### Wells Phonology Outcomes



## EDUCATIONAL TESTING

DII now offers educational testing. The testing is conducted by Mary Beth Robinson, a nationally certified school psychologist who has over 30 years experience in evaluating students. The testing consists of a battery of standardized tests that are recognized by school systems and other professionals in the field and provides a comprehensive assessment of the student's learning strengths and weaknesses. During fiscal year 2011, DII completed evaluations for 49 individuals.



## CAMP DELAFIELD

Camp Delafield is an American Camp Association accredited day camp concentrating on academic remediation and self-confidence building for children ages 7-12. New programming for 2011 included additional workshops by Theater of Inclusion, an updated math program, and teambuilding workshops by Camptown. Camp Delafield served 54 campers between the two four-week sessions, and 60% of campers received scholarship assistance.

# DII PROGRAMS

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Partnerships

DII served **12** individuals through our community partnerships. These programs included Recycleforce, (formerly known as Workforce, Inc.), Heart Change, and The Brookside Initiative.

DII implemented a coaching program where, on average, **15** volunteers received coaching services twice a week for 46 total sessions. This project allowed volunteers to provide enriched instruction within the Brookside Initiative Program.

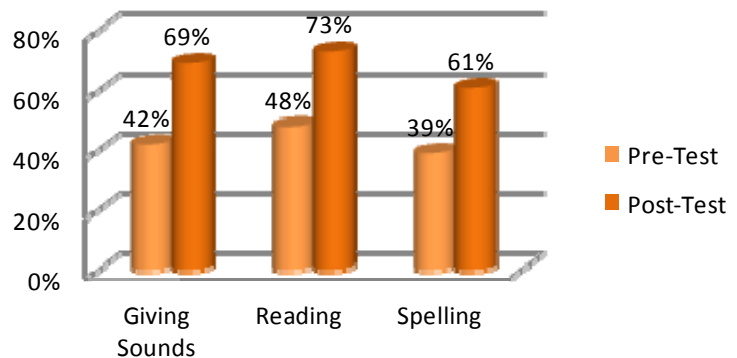
**263 people received direct services through Community Programs**

### Ready, Set, Read!

A total of 153 students in 12 different schools participated in 50 sessions of direct services, in one of the following group types: one-on-one Orton Gillingham instruction, phonology small group instruction, phonemic awareness small group instruction, or multisensory math small group instruction.

During summer 2011, DII served **20** total students through programs at Christel House Academy (16 students) and The Brookside Initiative (4 students).

### RSR! Phonology Outcomes



DII began two new Ready, Set, Read! pilot programs in 2011. The St. Mary's Child Center partnership is focused on early identification and pre-reading skills for children ages 4-5, staff training, and parent education. Through this project, DII will serve 192 4-5 yrs olds over a two year period. Remediation services using the Language! program are now being offered at Harshman Middle School. Our hope is that the success of this pilot will allow us to expand a "classroom style" option to other schools and community partners.

# DII PROGRAMS

## TRAINING

It has been a busy year of training at DII, and many dedicated and committed people have taken advantage of the agency's trainings.

We offered trainings in:

- Basic Orton-Gillingham Approach
- Intermediate Orton-Gillingham Approach
- Multisensory Math Methods
- Written Expression
- Reading Comprehension

"I just thank my lucky stars every day that I took the course! I keep informing everyone about all the knowledge I have gained and what a positive impact my newly learned knowledge will have on my students." -Basic OG student/teacher

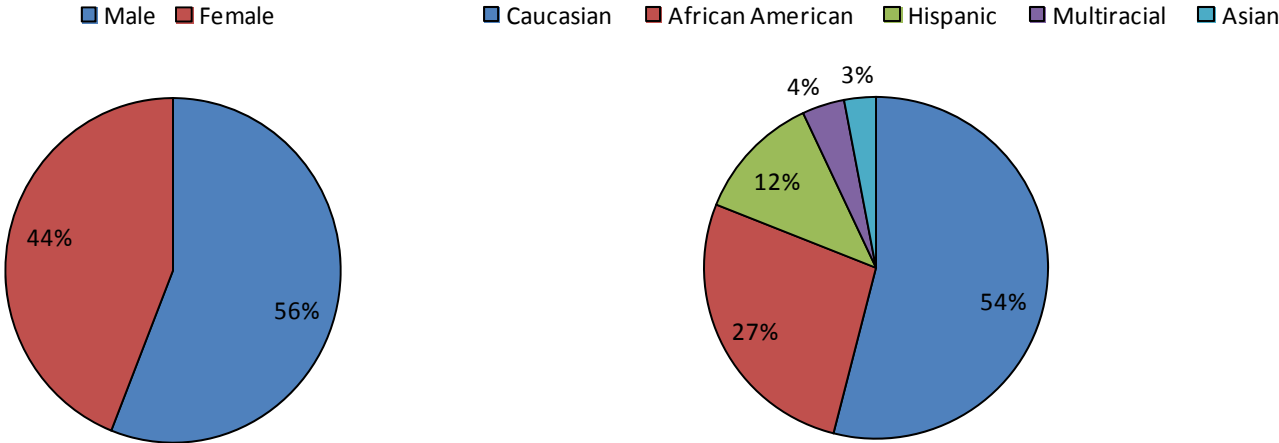
DII partnered with Indy Reads for tutor training and offered roundtable discussions in Basic and Advanced Orton-Gillingham. The *What is Dyslexia* presentation and the Dyslexia Simulation were given to schools, universities and other organizations throughout Indianapolis.

199 teachers and tutors were trained

50 teachers and tutors were granted scholarship dollars

137 students, teachers, parents, & tutors attended a *What is Dyslexia* presentation

## WE SERVED 1,069 INDIVIDUALS THROUGH PROGRAMS & SERVICES.

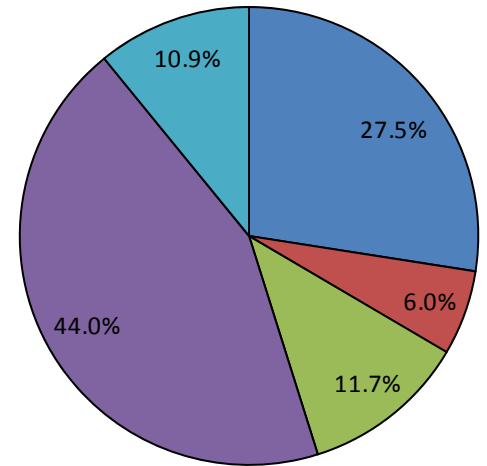


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FOR F/Y END AUGUST 31, 2011

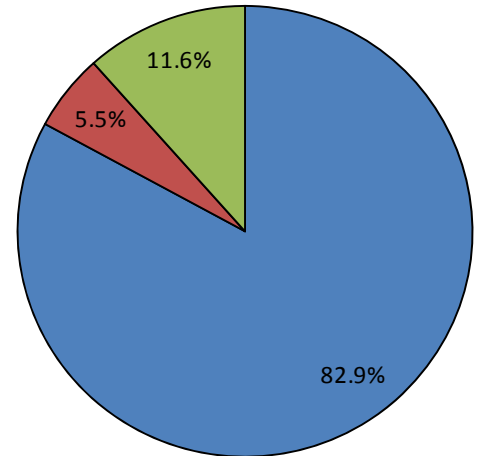
## SUPPORT AND REVENUE

● Contributions	247,616.00
● Special Events	54,010.00
● Foundations and Grants	105,075.00
● Earned Income	396,542.00
● Other Income	98,582.00
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>901,825.00</b>



## DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING EXPENSES

● Programs	822,842.00
● Fundraising Events	54,707.00
● Administration and Operations	115,245.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>992,794.00</b>



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