



Have you tried to go a week, or even a day, without reading? A letter from a friend, a webpage, directions on a microwave dinner, an invitation to a party — our lives are filled with words. DII's work gives children and adults the skills to work and play in our language-based society.

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Indianapolis Monthly Dream Home: City Homes Edition

The 2007 *Indianapolis Monthly* Dream Home: City Homes Edition was a wonderful success! For 16 years, DII and *Indianapolis Monthly* have partnered in bringing Indianapolis this premier luxury home tour. All proceeds from home tour and Preview Patron Party ticket sales support DII's student financial aid fund; thank you to those of you who attended these events! Your support will allow more language learning disabled students get the academic support they need, regardless of economic status.

This year's edition featured TWO three-story homes, built by two of Indianapolis' top home builders, Paul E. Estridge Homes and Woodall Construction Services. The City Homes are located in the heart of the Village of WestClay. Each home is designed around an active lifestyle with access to urban amenities in the comfort of a suburban setting. The Interior design and furnishings were provided by Kittle's Furniture and ETHAN ALLEN.

On behalf of the children, adolescents and adults we serve, the Board of Directors, staff and tutors of the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana express our profound appreciation to:

Indianapolis Monthly

Mr. Jeff Smulyan and Emmis Communications

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A Note from the Board

Rex Camp, DII's Executive Director for the past four years, has resigned from his position to pursue other interests. The members of the Board of Directors and the staff of DII wish Rex the best in his future endeavors. We are grateful for his leadership and guidance in extending the mission of DII to bring learning and understanding to the students served by the organization.

I am pleased to announce that Tracey Horth Krueger has agreed to serve as the Interim Executive Director while the Board of Directors conducts the search for a permanent replacement. Tracey is familiar to the DII Board, staff and

tutors. She has worked with us over the past year in creating and implementing the strategic plan to expand services, public awareness and sources of funding for DII's mission.

In conducting the search for an Executive Director, the Board is seeking an individual with a passion for DII's mission and the drive to continue DII's path to implementing this strategic plan.

Rest assured, the Board, staff and tutors of DII will continue to expand the opportunities for students to increase their comprehension, enjoyment and self-confidence.

Parent Education Classes



The Dyslexia Institute of Indiana has offered free monthly classes since 1996. These

classes are designed to give parents information that will help them meet the needs of their children and know what resources are available to them. The classes are open to the whole community and attended by parents, students, family members, teachers, tutors and others who are interested in the featured topics.

Presentations include a variety of topics and are derived from parent suggestions. Some of the past topics have included advocacy, homework strategies, transition from High School to College,

multi-sensory math, dysgraphia and phonemic awareness.

The classes are currently held on the second or third Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm. at our office. Our current schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 18th
7:00-8:30pm

Topic: "Traits of Successful Learning Disabled Individuals"

Presenter: Chip Calwell

Chip is a family counselor, specializing in the treatment of children and adolescents with learning disabilities. He is a personable speaker and is dyslexic himself.

Tuesday, October 16th

7:00-8:30pm

Topic: "Study Skills and Test Taking Strategies"

Presenter: Katie Maxwell

Katie is the Director of Programs at the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana. She has a background in education and will share ideas to help students have better study habits and take tests more effectively.

Registration is not required unless noted. If you need information call Melodie Hornickel at 317-545-5451, x 222, or email at mhornickel@dyslexiaindiana.org
Topic and Presenter subject to change if necessary.

2007 Camp Delafield Summary



As we say good-bye to summer, let's take a moment to reflect on what a magnificent season we

have had at Camp Delafield! Thanks to our staff, volunteers, families, and campers who took part in the 2007 camp season.

This year we incorporated several new programs such as Michelle Garcia Winner's Social Thinking Theory. We also introduced new teaching techniques into our Phonemic Awareness and Written Expression small groups. During our art time, Heidi Shackelford taught campers how to create their own silk-dyed marionettes, and Rebecca

Hutton and Dante Ventresca from Theater of Inclusion worked with campers to build language skills and community awareness through creativity and individuality. "Mystery Guests" this summer included Pacers' mascot Bowser, Linda Profitt from Global Peace Initiatives and "Tree Boy."

Intensive language remediation using the Orton-Gillingham approach is the cornerstone of Camp Delafield's academic program. Our objective was to combine this vital component with stimulating, recreational activities to create for your child an unforgettable experience.

We wish all of our campers an exciting school year full of new learning experiences. We hope to see all of you back next year, when Camp Delafield

will undoubtedly be full of new and different ways to learn.

It has been a pleasure for all of our staff to work with your child.

Sincerely,

Christine Bell, Camp Director

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Calling All Young Writers: Jamaican Students Want Pen Pals!



DII is looking for students in 1st through 5th grades to adopt a pen pal at Cokes View Elementary School in Savanna Le Mar, Jamaica. This is a great opportunity for kids with language learning disabilities to practice language and social skills while making a new friend!

Students will be able to share information about one another's interests, schools, families, and cultures.

If you think your child might be interested in this, please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send to DII, or contact Rosie Hickle for more information:

(317) 545-5451, ext. 223, rhickle@dyslexiaindiana.org

New Faces in New Positions

It is our pleasure to inform of you some recent staff changes made here at DII.

Our new Director of Programs, Katie Maxwell previously served as the DII Placement Coordinator and Office Administrator. She earned her BS in Education with high distinction from Indiana University, and majored in Secondary English Education. Katie has worked in elementary, middle and high school classrooms and has over six years experience working with youth both academically and recreationally. She has been exposed to a variety of educational communities and received multi-cultural training through the IUPUI School of Education. Her background in office management and administration lend well to the organizational functions of the Director of Programs.

Tara Clark, a former tutor, has been appointed

Office Administrator. Tara earned her BA in Biblical Studies at Johnson Bible College. She has spent a lot of time serving overseas in various countries including Thailand and Haiti, and spent 2006 serving as the Training Coordinator for New Mission Systems International, a non-profit organization out of Ft. Myers, Florida. She moved back to Indy at the beginning of this year to attend Law School and resumed tutoring for us in April. She also taught the Written Expressions class during the first session of Camp Delafield.

Lea Storm has been a part of the DII team as a Basic and Advanced trained tutor for 9 years and has now joined us as Placement Coordinator. She is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis and the parent of a dyslexic child. Lea participates in the Pulliam School Based Program and conducts training classes in Basic Orton- Gillingham.

Success Stories: A Camp Delafield Alumnae Shares Her Secrets

College graduation is an accomplishment that celebrates 16+ years of hard work and dedication, personal sacrifice and individual triumphs. For a learning disabled student, earning a college degree may seem like an uphill battle, the academic frustration a barrier to attaining dreams. If you need proof that dyslexia can be overcome, let the success story of Julie Malone, former Delafield camper and staff member, and daughter of DII Board Member Jeanne Malone be your example. This past Spring Julie not only graduated from Saint Mary's College, but was also recognized as the college's most outstanding Christian woman as exhibited through her leadership abilities and loyalty to the college. Receiving this highest honor, the Lumen Christi Award at commencement is a testament to Julie's ability to embrace the unique life lessons she was granted as a language learning disabled individual. Earning a BS in Biology is not the end of the road for Miss Malone. She plans to pursue a doctorate in Biology and hopes to eventually become a college professor. Julie wanted to share the following success strategies with our current DII students and their families:



Study creatively. Don't just simply look over your notes to study, make note cards to quiz yourself. Use a variety of colored pens when making outlines. Draw examples, if that helps you remember something better. In college, I used to bring a small white erase board to the library to study with me. It not only helped me learn to draw all those Organic Chemistry structures, but I felt it was much more efficient.

Make a schedule for studying. When you get busy with extracurricular activities, it is easy to let your studies get away from you. By sticking to a schedule when you study, you will be more productive. Daily to-do lists are very effective when made the night before.

Use your resources. Whether it's asking a friend to go over material before a test, reviewing class notes that weren't clear to you with your teacher or asking a parent or sibling to quiz you, there are many people that want to see you succeed and will be more than happy to help you achieve your academic goals.

Set academic goals. Setting goals makes do well, academically, more rewarding. There is no greater satisfaction than achieving a goal you set for yourself. A variety of goals are a good idea. Rather than having all goals you expect to achieve, set some "reaching" goals. It might be a stretch to reach that particular goal, but it gives you something to strive for. Remember to re-evaluate your goals if you fall a little short or once you have reached them. Never forget to reward yourself for a goal obtained and a job well done.

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