Learning Ally offers a comprehensive Dyslexia Awareness Training Program for both classroom educators and school leaders, composed of live online workshops, individual and small-group coaching, and collaborative communities of practice.

More than Just a Workshop

Research across several key studies shows that educators who receive professional learning on a comprehensive and ongoing basis can increase their students’ achievement levels by over 20%. That’s why our professional learning was designed to be ongoing and feature both opportunities to practice as well as follow-up coaching and support.

- Provides direct instruction that strengthens educators’ instructional capacity.
- Ongoing, personalized learning experiences to help deepen the impact of professional learning.
- Engages educators and elevates their instructional practice by providing opportunities to collaborate, refine, and apply their learning in the classroom.
Dyslexia Awareness Workshops for Educators and Leaders

Learning Ally’s Dyslexia Awareness Workshops are designed to help educators and school leaders move from understanding to action. Based on neuroscience and the science of how reading skills are developed, attendees will understand what dyslexic students experience in the classroom and how to build a school culture that supports them.

By exploring the indicators and understanding screening, intervention, and accommodations, educators will be better prepared to execute strategies that support students with dyslexia, and leaders will be better prepared to support their educators in implementing those strategies.

Learning Objectives

- Understand and empathize with dyslexic students by participating in a simulation.
- Recognize the signs of dyslexia in your students and understand its neurological basis.
- Discuss the requisite skills needed to build the foundation of reading.
- Learn appropriate strategies and tools to support students with dyslexia.
- Build systems to support educators and students

The Dyslexia Awareness Workshop for Educators is a three-hour experience that can be delivered in one day or three 60-minute sessions. It is delivered by grade band, either K-5 or 6-12, and focuses on how to identify and support students with dyslexia. The workshop for Leaders is a 2-hour experience that can be delivered in one day or two 60-minute sessions, and focuses not only on how to support students with dyslexia but also the teachers working with them day-to-day. Both workshops are delivered virtually.

What to Expect

| Hour 1 | Participants will build empathy for students struggling with symptoms of dyslexia as they develop an understanding of what dyslexia is and how it manifests within the brain. They will experience aspects of dyslexia as they participate in Learning Ally’s Dyslexia Simulation. |
| Hour 2 | Participants will focus their learning on the possible identifiers of dyslexia and gain a better understanding of their role in the process. Attendees will leave this portion of the professional learning with grade-level-aligned identifier lists and methods for leveraging them in the classroom. |
| Hour 3 | Participants will dig into accommodations to support students struggling with symptoms of dyslexia. With an emphasis on targeted practices aligned with the science of reading, educators will discover strategies to help students build foundational reading practices. |
Making Professional Learning Stick

At Learning Ally, we understand that implementing targeted practices to support students with dyslexia doesn’t happen during an individual workshop experience but over time through continuous practice. Through Learning Ally’s Communities of Practice and Instructional Coaching services, our experienced, practicing facilitators work side-by-side with educators to personalize learning and build practices that address the specific needs of their classroom and students.

Instructional Coaching

Learning Ally Instructional Coaching offers districts, campus leaders, instructional coaches, and educators a personalized journey that starts with a shared commitment to ongoing professional learning.

Designed to provide sustained support, a coaching partnership can follow many paths and include a variety of activities, cohorts, touchpoints, and timeframes. Through live online sessions and asynchronous collaboration via the Learning Ally Educator Community, participants will experience continuous support that helps them deepen their practice and support student growth.

Communities of Practice

Learning Ally’s Community of Practice creates an environment for shared and collaborative learning. Designed to be delivered over time and deepen practice, a Community of Practice brings together the educators within a school/district focused on a shared problem of practice, a shared concern, or a passion to improve instruction in a specific area.

The program blends synchronous (virtual sessions), asynchronous (scholarly articles, real-world practice assignments), and discussion-based learning to engage educators and elevate their instructional practice.

The Learning Ally Professional Learning Team

Our team, made up of master teachers, literacy coaches and specialists, is uniquely equipped to empower educators to be leaders and help students meet their literacy goals. They focus on ensuring every educator understands the research and best practices around reading, incorporating audiobooks into the classroom, and developing the critical skills necessary to transform their everyday instructional practice through action planning and coaching in order to improve student outcomes.
LEARNING ALLY is a leading nonprofit education organization dedicated to equipping educators with proven solutions that help early and struggling learners reach their potential. Our range of literacy focused offerings for students Pre-K to 12th grade, including our award winning reading resource, the Learning Ally Audiobook Solution™, our new Early Literacy solution, Excite Reading™, and catalog of professional learning allow us to support more than 2 million students and over 445,000 educators across the US.

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