



# Developing Learners for the 21st Century

2010 Southeast  
Regional Conference  
March 4-5

Crowne Plaza Orlando  
Airport Hotel  
Orlando, Florida



*Training Educators. Developing Minds. Changing Lives.*

# NILD Conferences Reaching Parents, Educators, Administrators and Visitors

## Featuring



**Dr. Marshall P. Duke** Dr. Marshall P. Duke is the Candler Professor of Psychology at Emory University. His books include *Abnormal Psychology: A New Look*, *Inside Psychotherapy*, *Will I Ever Fit In?*, *Helping the Child Who Doesn't Fit In*, *What Works with Kids*, and *Teaching Your Child the Language of Social Success*. The author of more than 80 research articles,

he has served as Chair of the Department of Psychology and Director of the University psychological Center. He has been a core faculty member of Emory's Center for the Study of Myth and Ritual in American Life. His work has been described in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe* among others and he has appeared on *National Public Radio*, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America* and the *Oprah Winfrey Show*.



### **Dr. Kathleen Hopkins**

Dr. Kathleen Hopkins has been involved in the field of education for over 40 years. She received her doctorate in education from the College of William and Mary, and since 1991 has been Executive Director of the National Institute for Learning Development (NILD). She presents workshops around the country as well as

internationally on topics related to learning development. Dr. Hopkins is also an instructor for the Feuerstein Program of Instrumental Enrichment and studied in Israel and France to receive this distinction. Currently she is working on a book to give encouragement and tools to teachers titled *Teaching How to Learn in a What to Learn Culture*.



# Wednesday **March 3, 2010**

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Woodcock Johnson III **Debbie Dower Ed.S.**  
9:00am-6:00pm Wednesday

*Credit 1 CEU • Prerequisite: NILD Level II training or Master's degree*  
**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to purchase the WJ-III ACH you must hold at least a bachelor's degree in education and have received specific training in test administration.

*Using and Interpreting the Woodcock Johnson III Tests of Achievement*  
This workshop is designed to provide experienced NILD educational therapists training in administration, scoring and interpretation of the WJ III Tests of Achievement. The content focuses on theoretical background, technical overview, basal and ceiling rules, computing raw scores, obtaining estimated and grade-equivalent scores, administration of new tests, using Compuscore and Profiles Program and building examiner competency. Included are practice exercises, interpretive options, test observations checklist, examiner training checklist, and a case study. Optional: Bring a copy of the WJ III Achievement Standard Test Book.

Search & Teach<sup>®</sup> **Earlene Willis, M.Ed.**

9:00am-6:00pm Wednesday  
8:00-10:00am Thursday

*Credit: 1 CEU • Limit: 20 participants*  
*Prerequisites for training:*

- Order the SEARCH & TEACH<sup>®</sup> kit from: Shoestring Press, LLC, [www.searchandteach.com](http://www.searchandteach.com) (allow 10 business days for receipt of your order)
- Read pages 1-2 and all blue pages in the SEARCH manual, and pages 1-32 in the TEACH manual prior to the first training session
- Complete the pre-training assignment ('Inside the Covers') you will receive from the NILD office after you have registered
- Bring both manuals (NOT the entire kit) with you to training

*What will I Gain from SEARCH & TEACH<sup>®</sup> training?*

- An effective method for assessment and intervention with 5-6 year olds at risk for academic failure
- Demonstration of SEARCH & TEACH<sup>®</sup> materials, including some "hands-on" practice
- Enhanced educational options for your school
- Specific Norms for NILD schools (2005)
- A SEARCH & TEACH<sup>®</sup> handbook

**note** Prices do NOT include meals or hotel. Training kits, manuals and materials must be purchased separately.

**We suggest that you DO NOT make non-refundable travel arrangements prior to receiving confirmation from NILD that you are registered for these workshops. Costs incurred for changing travel plans will be the participant's responsibility. Space is limited so register early!**

Bring a first time attendee to the conference and receive a **\$20 Gift Certificate** for materials purchases. Certificates will be given out at conference registration.



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# Thursday **4** March 4, 2010

**Conference Registration** 7:30-8:15am  
**Search & Teach** (Cont'd) 8:00-10:00am

**Welcome** 8:30am

**General Session** 8:45-10:00am

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**It's Not Just for Kids Anymore—Addressing Dyssemia in Adulthood** **Dr. Marshall P. Duke**

This presentation will describe the fundamental similarities and differences between the impact, assessment and remediation of dyssemia in children and adults. This talk will focus on ways in which dyssemia manifests itself in the lives of adults and will provide an overview of a strategy for overcoming its adverse social, relational and vocational consequences.

**Break** 10:00-10:30am

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**General Session** 10:30-11:45am

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**Raising resilient children—Being resilient families: The importance of family stories (With Q&A)** **Dr. Marshall P. Duke**

Ten years of research at the Emory University Center for the Study of Myth and Ritual in American Life has identified factors important to the development of psychological and emotional resilience. This session will focus on the importance of knowledge of family stories and family history in the development of the resilient intergenerational self.

**Lunch** 11:45am-1:15pm *(Purchase of lunch required)*

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**Brain Food for Optimal Learning**  
**Dr. John Zimmerman, NILD Board Member**

With a combination of practical instruction and scientific research Dr. Zimmerman will help differentiate fact from fiction concerning proper nutritional practices for young people in order to build healthy brain function. Learn the meaning behind, "You are what you eat".

**Please bring a sweater or jacket to the conference as meeting space temperatures fluctuate.**

**General Session** 1:15-2:15pm

**Developing Processing Speed for the 21st Century** **Kristin Barbour, M.S.**

Navigating our fast-paced, technology advanced society requires rapid processing and a new level of attention and concentration to override the multiple distractions that exist in our environment. Students, who struggle with slow processing, face significant challenges in education today. This workshop will explore working definitions of processing speed, how processing speed is impacted by attention and concentration and the manifestations of poor processing speed on classroom performance. Ideas to implement in NILD Educational Therapy® sessions to improve processing speed will also be discussed. *(Recommended for those planning to attend Level II training)*

**Session I** 2:30-3:45pm

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**T-1 Math: Solving Life's Problems**  
**Kathy Hopkins, Ed.D.**

Math can either be taught to the memory or to the understanding. In order for students to learn math well, there are certain competencies they need to establish. This workshop will provide hands-on instruction and increase competence and confidence in both educational therapist and learner.

**T-2 Small-Group vs. One-on-One Educational Therapy for Struggling Readers and Writers**  
**Connie Cawthon, Ph.D.**

A summary of research findings.

**Session II** 4:00-5:15pm

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**T-3 Tailoring NILD Educational Therapy for ADHD** **Vesta Gillette, M.S.Ed.**

Review of cognitive, perceptual and processing difficulties characteristic of those with ADHD, educational implications of these weaknesses and special considerations when implementing NILD educational therapy with such individuals.

**T-4 Handwriting: The Case for Instruction**  
**Dr. Kathy Hopkins**

This workshop will develop a rationale for teaching correct handwriting in the early grades and expecting cursive writing throughout the grades. Research and rationale for this important skill and its relationship to success in all the language arts will be presented. Attendees will be challenged to go beyond the idea that cursive writing is a skill of the past which is not useful in today's culture.

**Program Coordinators Workshop** 5:30-6:15pm

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**Ruth Ann Farmer, Foundation Academy, Winter Garden, FL—Professionally Certified Educational Therapist**

*Member Benefit—Must be an NILD member to attend*

Calling All Program Coordinators! Here's the opportunity you've been waiting for – you can meet face to face with all those names you've seen on the NILD e-mail conference! Bring your questions to this interactive workshop.

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**General Session 8:30-9:30am****Finding the Skylights** **Kathy Hopkins, Ed.D.**

Our concern about performance and test scores leaves no room for the skylights. Let's discover what they are in our desire to build cognitive competencies for all learners. Those who struggle can teach us much.

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**General Session 9:30-10:30am****NILD and the Next Generation of Leaders**

**Tony Bell, NILD Board Chairman, CEO/President  
Leader Development Inc.**

NILD educational therapists are not just helping students how to learn; they are shaping the next generation of leaders. Tony Bell will address why building leaders is so critical to our future, and why NILD educational therapists play such an important role in helping define what great leadership will look like for the next generations. That's a role whose importance is difficult to exaggerate. *(Recommended for those planning to attend Level II & III training)*

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**Break 10:30-11:00am**

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**Session III 11:00am-12:15pm****F-1 Morphemes: One Component of the Language Braid-Explored Through Sounds of Meaning**

**Kristin Barbour, M.S.**

What acts as a springboard for vocabulary development, facilitates decoding and improves spelling? Knowledge of morphemes! Morphemes are units of written language that convey meaning such as roots, prefixes and suffixes. Comprehensive knowledge of the phonological, orthographic and morphological aspects of words enables students to build their capacity for vocabulary and retrieval of words as well as increasing fluency and comprehension. Educational therapists have a comprehensive tool to develop and enrich students' awareness, comprehension and versatility with morphemes—*Sounds of Meaning*. *(Recommended for those planning to attend Level III training)*

**F-2 Using Manipulatives and Thinking to Improve Number Sense for Older Students**

**Vesta Gillette M.S.Ed.**

Ideas to explore, practice, and learn foundational concepts along with decimals, fractions, percents, algebraic expressions & geometric concepts.

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**Lunch 12:15-2:15pm (Purchase of lunch required)****NILD Update** **Kathy Hopkins, Ed.D.**

Recognition of Certifications

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**Session IV 2:15-3:30pm****F-3 Live Therapy Demonstration** **Kristin Barbour, M.S.**

NILD Educational Therapy® techniques will be demonstrated in a shortened therapy session. A focus on questioning and some technique extensions will be modeled. Opportunity for questions will be given. *(Recommended for those planning to attend Level II training)*

**F-4 Using Alternative Assessment Methods in Monitoring Student Learning** **Debbie Dower, Ed.S.**

Many learning disabled students do not perform well on the traditional short-answer, T/F, multiple choice, and/or essay-type tests that classroom teachers commonly use. In order to better demonstrate their knowledge of subject matter, they need alternate means of assessment. This seminar will present various assessment methods that educational therapists can share with teachers in order to help them more effectively monitor and measure their students' learning.

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## Registration Fees

**Registration Deadline: February 22, 2010**  
**Early Bird Deadline: February 12, 2010**  
**Registrations will be accepted after the deadline based upon availability by fax 757-451-0970.**

<b>EARLY BIRD</b>	<b>NILD member</b>	<b>Non-member</b>
	<b>\$275</b>	<b>\$325</b>
<b>AFTER FEB 12</b>	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$375</b>
<b>ONE DAY</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$165</b>
<b>SEARCH &amp; TEACH</b>	<b>With conference</b>	<b>Without conference</b>
	<b>\$259</b>	<b>\$299</b>
<b>WOODCOCK JOHNSON III</b>	<b>\$179</b>	<b>\$199</b>

Conference registration fee includes refreshments at morning break.

Price does not include meals or hotel accommodations. Training kits, manuals and materials must be purchased separately.

**Register for Level I training at the conference and receive**

**\$75** discount on the registration fee!

Visit NILD's website [www.nild.org](http://www.nild.org) for additional conference dates and locations.

## Accommodations

**Crowne Plaza Orlando Airport Hotel**  
407-235-1905 • 800-2-CROWNE

Arrange accommodations with Crowne Plaza Orlando directly. Ask for NILD room block. Have one person per room arrange reservations. Identify yourself as attending the NILD conference to insure correct rate. In case of cancellations others in the room will be responsible for full payment. Room prices are per person, per night not including tax or meals.

<b>\$119.00 Single</b>	<b>\$59.50 Double</b> per person
<b>\$43.00 Triple</b> per person	<b>\$32.25 Quad</b> per person

**Hotel reservation cutoff date is February 22, 2010.** Please call hotel for availability after cutoff date.

**Meals: Please indicate choice on registration form**

**\$95.00** Conference Package Includes all conference meals (two full breakfasts and two lunches beginning with Thursday morning buffet breakfast at 7:15am)

**\$55.00** Commuter Package Includes two lunches (no breakfasts)

**\$27.50** One Day Package, Thursday Includes lunch (no breakfast)

**\$27.50** One Day Package, Friday Includes lunch (no breakfast)

**Parking:** Parking for guests is complimentary.

**Refund Policy:** Refunds will be made available upon written request. Registration fee will be refunded up to one week prior to the conference, less \$75 processing fee. Meal fees cannot be refunded after March 1, 2010.

The Orlando International Airport is 10 minutes from conference hotel. The Crowne Plaza Orlando Airport Hotel offers a complimentary airport shuttle that runs every 15 minutes 24/7.

**Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel**  
**5555 Hazeltine National Drive**  
**Orlando, Florida 32812**  
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## Southeast Regional Conference

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### SEMINAR INFORMATION

Please check the seminar you plan to attend.

Session I  T-1  T-2      Session III  F-1  F-2

Session II  T-3  T-4      Session IV  F-3  F-4

Program Coordinators Workshop (Free)

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

S&T w/conf \$259  S&T w/o conf \$299 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- \$325** NILD Member      **\$275** Early Bird NILD Member
- \$375** Non-Member      **\$325** Early Bird Non-Member
- \$165** One day Conference
- \$259** Search & Teach, with Conference attendance
- \$299** Search & Teach, without Conference attendance
- \$179** Woodcock-Johnson III, with Conference attendance
- \$199** Woodcock-Johnson III,, without Conference attendance

### HOTEL

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- Tax and meals not included
- Have one person per room arrange reservations
- Identify yourself as attending the NILD Conference
- Parking: Complimentary for guests
- Please note when making hotel accommodations that it impacts NILD financially if you do not stay at conference hotel.

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- I do not want meals.

**All attendees receive refreshments at morning breaks**

### PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- Educational Therapist  Administrator  Student  Parent
- Classroom Teacher  Other Professional

How did you hear about this conference or workshop?

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