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Greetings ~

October is International Dyslexia Awareness Month. Please take the below dyslexia awareness quiz, and help others better understand dyslexia and advocate for the importance of getting students the support and services they need to thrive in school. Not only will this quiz deepen your personal understanding of dyslexia and the people it affects, you can also help spread awareness through sharing this quiz with your family and friends and on your social media channels.

[P.S. Don't forget to take this short quiz and share it with your family and friends!](#)

With gratitude,

Marcy Sirkin – Owner/Director

Introducing tutor David Shapiro in his own words

I am from Charleston, South Carolina where I grew up by the ocean and indulged my love for outdoor activities such as surfing, fishing, and camping. I graduated from the College of Charleston with a B.A. in Arts as an English Major who focused on grammar, literature, and writing. I appreciate my Liberal Arts education as it has granted me an opportunity to use my love of and experience with foreign languages, history, art, and music to tutor and support students of all ages.

After moving to Hendersonville, NC, I began working for Dr. Marcy Sirkin in 2002 at the South Asheville clinic. I was trained in Orton-Gillingham through Dr. Sirkin and received my Associate Level training through Susie Van der Vorst at Camp Spring Creek. I served as a teacher and administrator at the South Asheville location until August of 2019, when Marcy asked me to come to the North Asheville location. My current hobbies are kayaking, paddle boarding, playing guitar, fishing, hiking, biking, and especially traveling! I live with my wife Sallie in Hendersonville.



Upcoming Events

October 1

Tuition due for October billing cycle 10.

October 14

November billing cycle 11 begins. Tuition due on November 1st.

November 11

First day of December **five-week** billing cycle 12. Tuition will be an additional 25% this month.

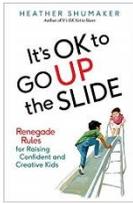
Important Announcement

Please remember that the clinic **WILL CLOSE** for Thanksgiving **November 25th – 29th**. You are not charged tuition for that week.

Also, please note that the clinic **DOES NOT** close for Veteran's Day.

More Important News

Book Recommendation



[It's OK to Go Up the Slide: Renegade Rules for Raising Confident and Creative Kids](#) by Heather Shumaker

Also by Heather:

[Homework is Wrecking our Kids](#)



Success Story

Anne M. Burke, Illinois Supreme Court Justice-Dyslexic



"A longtime advocate for children and the disabled, Justice Anne Burke has worked to improve the lives of young people with disabilities as a teacher, attorney, and founder of the Chicago Special Olympics, now the International Special Olympics. As a Special Counsel for Child Welfare Services in Illinois, she initiated reforms to the juvenile justice system that increased cooperation among law enforcement and social service agencies and strengthened child protection services. She is also a former Illinois appellate court judge and special counsel for child welfare services, an attorney and a teacher.

Reflecting on her learning difficulties, Burke says that while she still has to count on her fingers, she can give and follow verbal directions quite well. She is also a strong reader and found the reading she had to do as a law student fascinating. 'Reading law cases,' she says, 'is like reading stories or novels. It was interesting to read what people did to each other and try to apply that to contract law. There was always a challenge, but it was about real people, and I'm a people person, so I really enjoyed it. It's when I have to read something and absorb it and put it back down on paper that I have a hard time. Getting thoughts from my brain to paper is really difficult.' When delivering speeches, Burke prepares her remarks in advance and often reads from a text prepared by her speechwriter. 'That way I can focus on organizing what I need to say.'" [read more about Anne M. Burke at dyslexia.yale.edu.](#)

November billing cycle

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20
10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27
10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3
11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10

In the Community

From **Attitudemag.com**:

["Please Let Him Make Just One Friend"](#)

[Social Strategies for Making & Keeping Good Friends](#)

From **NPR ED**:

[Screen Time Questions](#)

From the **Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity**

[How Speech-to-Text Transformed a Student's 5th Grade Year](#)

[Cracking the Code of Dyslexia](#)

From **Landmark360.org**:

[Being an Efficient Homework Helper: Turning a Chore into a Challenge](#)

From **Revibe Focus Tracker**:

[The 4 Big Impacts of Exercise on Focus and Attention](#)