

# PROFESSIONALS IN YOUR AREA

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## DISCLAIMER:

The International Dyslexia Association supports efforts to provide individuals with dyslexia with appropriate instruction and to identify these individuals at an early age. The Association believes that Orton-Gillingham based, multisensory teaching and learning is the best approach currently available for those affected by dyslexia. The Association, however, does not endorse any specific program, speaker, or instructional materials, noting that there are a number of such which present the critical components on instruction as defined by the Association's Teacher Education Issues Committee.

All service providers listed in the NOB/IDA directory have signed a verification/media statement attesting to the authenticity of their qualifications.

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## CUYAHOGA COUNTY

### BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

#### Lawrence School

Admissions Office - 440-526-0717

Upper School (grades 7-12) Sagamore Hills - 440-526-0003

Lower School (grades 1-6) Broadview Heights - 440-526-0003

### CHAGRIN FALLS

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Affiliation: Wilson Language Trainer

#### Anne Durette

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Educational Training: Fairleigh Dickinson Un. IMSLEC certified program, Ohio certification

Affiliation: Private Practice

Services Offered: Tutorial in Reading - Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Study/Organizational Skills K-Adult

### CLEVELAND

#### Insight Learning & Wellness Center, LLC

[www.InsightWellness.Org](http://www.InsightWellness.Org)

25901 Emery Road, Suite 112, Cleveland, OH 44122

Services Offered: therapeutic martial arts combining life skills training with a variety of movement and exercise, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, psychological and educational evaluations.

#### Masonic Learning Center for Children

**216-881-2234**

[learning\\_center@ameritech.net](mailto:learning_center@ameritech.net)

Services Offered: Reading and Language Arts; (No fee-application approval required)

#### H. Gerry Taylor, Ph.D., Professor of Pediatrics

**216-844-3230**

Educational Training: Ph.D. University of Iowa

Licensure / Certification: Psychology; Neuropsychology

Affiliation: Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Dept. of Pediatrics

Services Offered: Psychologist (Assessments)

### CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

#### Monica Gordon-Pershey, Ed.D., CCC-SLP,

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Speech-Language Pathologist

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Educational Training: Ed.D Language Arts & Literacy Instruction; M.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Licensure / Certification: Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology; Ohio Licensure in Speech-Language Pathology; Ohio Teaching Licenses in Speech-Language Pathology and Reading K-12

Services Offered: Speech, Language, and Literacy Assessment; Cognitive Assessment; Children, Teens, and Adults; Consultative Services for Individuals and Agencies (Some fees may be insurance reimbursable)

## INDEPENDENCE

**Cheryl Chase, PhD** – Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
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Educational Training: B.A.; M.A.; PhD

Licensure / Certification: Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Affiliation: Member American Psychological Association, International Dyslexia Association

Services Offered:

- Psychological testing/assessment for educational consideration
- Independent Educational Evaluations
- Ability/IQ testing for giftedness
- Documentation of learning, attention, and/or psychological disorders to support applications for accommodations on ACT, SAT, GRE, MCAT, LSAT and other standardized testing
- Second opinions of psychological/educational evaluations performed by others
- Attendance at school meetings to advocate for individuals whom I have evaluated
- Individual psychotherapy (on a limited basis; call to discuss appropriate referrals)
- Medication adherence and effectiveness (e.g., ADHD, anxiety)
- Academic and/or psychological progress monitoring
- Extensive offering of professional development workshops available.

Cost of services vary based on individual need and type of service. To learn more about Dr. Chase's services, call for a no-charge, no-obligation, 10-minute conversation to decide if you would like to proceed with an in-person appointment.

## LAKEWOOD

**Stephanie Gordon** – Dyslexia Specialist & Diagnostician

**216-226-8803**

Educational Training: B.A.; M.A.

Licensure / Certification: LD/SBH Certification; Fellow, Academy of Orton-Gillingham Practitioners & Educators

Training: Alphabetical Phonics; Lindamood-Bell Method; Orton Gillingham Approach; Project Read / Language Circle (Phonology, Written Expression). Student in training: SMU Learning Therapist Certificate Program. Neuhaus Education Center: Language Enrichment – Online, Scientific Spelling – Online.

Affiliation: Dyslexia Services

Services Offered: Dyslexia / LD Specialist; Educational Therapist; Advocate / Parent Mentor

## MAYFIELD

**Sandy Lyall-Kovacs**, Elementary School Teacher / Wilson Tutor

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Educational Training: M.A. Education; B.F.A. Photography

Licensure / Certification: Teaching Certificate Grades 1-8 all subjects, Art pre K-12

Training: Wilson Reading System

Services Offered: Dyslexia (reading, decoding, comprehension, spelling)

## ORANGE

**Donna L. Levine**, Educational Consultant / Tutor / Intervention Specialist

**216-831-2680**

Educational Training: M.A.; B.A.

Licensure / Certification: Special Education 1-12; Elementary Education 1-8; Reading Specialist K-8; Reading Supervisor K-8; Learning Disabilities K-12, Wilson Reading Program Certification.

Services Offered: *Dyslexia / LD Specialist; Reading Specialist; Written Expression Skills; School Consultant for Staff Development / Student Advocate / Parent Mentor*

## PEPPER PIKE

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Educational Training: Masters of Education

Licensure / Certification: National Board Certified—Mathematics; Ohio Certified—Reading Supervision, Special Education, Mathematics, Elementary Education

Affiliation: Private Practice

Services Offered: tutoring in mathematics, and test preparation for SAT, ACT, PSAT, ISEE, SSAT, GRE. Tutoring can be done in person or interactively online.

**Cheryl Persanyi**, Certified Learning Specialist, Private Tutor, Co-Founder of The Magical Feather Multisensory Educational Clinics

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Educational Training: BA Spanish and Education, graduate degree in SLD

Licensure / Certification: Specific Learning Disabilities k-12, Wilson Language Levels I

Training: Orton-Gillingham Approach; Wilson Reading System Level I, Project Read, Framing Your Thoughts, Get it, Got it, Go, Visualization & Verbalization

Affiliation: Private Practice, Hawken School, The Magical Feather, LLC.

Services Offered: Reading, Spelling, Written Expression

## SHAKER HEIGHTS

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Licensure / Certification: Wilson Reading Program, Level I

Affiliation: Private Practice

Services Offered: Reading, Spelling, Written Expression

## SOLON

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Educational Training: B.A. in Elementary Education, Grades 1-8, and Specialization in Studio Art Grades 1-8, M.Ed. and Reading Specialist Certificate, Grades 1-12

Licensure / Certification: Wilson Reading Program, Level I

Affiliation: Taught in the Teacher Education/Literacy Departments at Cleveland State University and Notre Dame College.

Services Offered: Provides one-on-one instruction for optimal prescriptive teaching to meet each student's learning needs. Experience teaching Wilson Reading Program to students from grade 1-adult, Just Words to high school students. Experience teaching writing skills, organization/study skills.

**Mary Hughes**, Special Education Teacher

**440-248-9875**

Educational Training: B.A. Education; M.A. Education

Licensure / Certification: Elementary Education K-8; Specific Learning Disabilities K-12; Reading Endorsement

Training: Orton-Gillingham Approach; Project Read / Language Circle (Phonology, Comprehension, Written Expression; Wilson Reading System; Neihaus Training in Orton-Gillingham

Services Offered: Dyslexia/LD Specialist; Reading Specialist

## **SOUTH EUCLID**

**Katie Bodnovich**, Certified Academic Language Therapist

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Educational Training: B.A., University of Toledo; Master's Certificate, Southern Methodist University

Licensure / Certification: Certified Academic Language Therapist

Training: Orton-Gillingham Approach; Alphabetic Phonics

Affiliation: Cleveland Montessori, Private Practice

Services Offered: Reading/Decoding, Spelling, Handwriting, Verbal and Written Expression

## **Notre Dame College**

**216-373-5185**

Academic Support Center

Gretchen Noetzel Walsh, M.S. Ed., Director

## **UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS**

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Educational Training: B.A. Psychology; Licensure/Certification: Learning Disabilities K-12, Reading Endorsement

Licensure / Certification: Wilson Language Level 1 Certified Teacher/Tutor

Training: Wilson Reading System, Project Read

Affiliation: Private Practice

Services Offered: Tutorial in Reading Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension K-Adult, Tutorial in Written Expression, Mathematics, Study/Organizational Skills K-Grade 5

## **WESTLAKE**

**Clarita Davidson**

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Educational Training: B.A. Kent State University

Licensure / Certification: Arlene Sondag Certified Teacher, Certified O-G Therapist

Training: Slingerland, Alphabetic Phonics, Orton-Gillingham, Sondag System

Affiliation: Private Practice

Services Offered: Tutoring in reading-decoding, spelling, reading comprehension, written expression, and handwriting

## COLUMBIANA COUNTY

### EAST LIVERPOOL

**Ron Hockman** – School Psychologist  
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**330-532-8299**  
**724-561-8499 cell**

*Educational Training:* Ed.S. – Kent State University; M.Ed. – Kent State University  
*Licensure / Certification:* Ohio Licensed School Psychologist, Pennsylvania Certified School Psychologist, Ohio Licensed Independent School Psychologist  
*Affiliation:* Private Practice  
*Services Offered:* Dyslexia / LD Specialist; School Psychologist; Evaluations and Diagnoses in intelligence, behavior, reading, spelling, reading comprehension, written language, math, handwriting, achievement, visual-perceptor/spatial/motor, memory/retrieval, executive functions

### SALEM

**Jennifer Woit** – Speech Language Pathologist  
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**330-206-7150**

*Educational Training:* M.A. – Kent State University  
*Licensure / Certification:* Wilson Reading System; Ohio Speech Language Pathology License; Certificate of Clinical Competence  
*Training:* Wilson Reading System  
*Affiliation:* Private Practice  
*Services Offered:* Reading, Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Speech-Language, Memory/Retrieval

## LAKE COUNTY

### CONCORD TOWNSHIP

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**440-463-8504**

*Educational Training:* B.A. Kent State; Master's Certificate, SMU  
*Licensure / Certification:* Certified Academic Language Therapist, Certified Dyslexia Therapist, Wilson Level I  
*Training:* Orton-Gillingham Approach, Alphabetic Phonics, MTA, Wilson Reading System, Wilson Foundations  
*Affiliation:* Private Practice  
*Services Offered:* Reading, Spelling, Handwriting, Verbal and Written Expression, Math; K-12 and adults

### MENTOR

**Georgann Richardson**, Language Therapist

**440-413-2800**

*Educational Training:* B.S. Taylor University  
*Licensure / Certification:* Elementary Education  
*Training:* Orton-Gillingham Approach; Wilson Reading System  
*Affiliation:* Private Practice, Children's Dyslexia Center (Cleveland Oh)  
*Services Offered:* Reading-Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Handwriting, Mathematics, Study/Organizational Skills

## WILLOUGHBY

**Donna Klements**, Reading Tutor

**(440) 942-7255**

Educational Training: B.S. Biology, Denison University; MEd Water Resources, Miami University (Ohio)

Licensure/Certification: International Multisensory Language Education Council (IMSLEC) certified.

Training: Orton-Gillingham Approach; Cleveland Masonic Learning Center for Children, Level I

Affiliation: Hershey Montessori School

Services Provided: Reading Specialist, One-on-One tutoring, Private Practice

## LORAIN COUNTY

### AVON LAKE

**Norma Martin** – Reading Tutor

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Educational Training: M.Ed., Rehab Counseling; B.S.

Licensure / Certification: Certificate for Program of Education in Therapy for Dyslexia – 32 Masonic Initial Orton Gillingham Training Course; Stat of Ohio Licensed Professional Counselor Ohio Dept. of Education Vocational Evaluator / Transition to Work Certificate

Training: Orton Gillingham Approach, Handwriting without Tears

Affiliation: 32 Masonic Learning Center – Cleveland (tutor)

Services Offered: Reading specialist

**440-773-5771**

**Nora Pavlov** – Intervention Specialist

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Educational Training: Special Education Teaching Certificate, Cleveland State; B.B.A., University of Cincinnati

Licensure / Certification: Special Education Certificate (mild to moderate), Reading Specialist Orton-Gillingham

Training: Orton Gillingham Approach

Affiliation: 32 Masonic Learning Center – Cleveland (tutor)

Services Offered: Dyslexia/LD Specialist, Reading Specialist, Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Handwriting, Mathematics, Study/Organizational Skills.

**Learning Unlimited West**

**440-808-1732**

Carla Pivcevic, Director



## LUCAS COUNTY

### TOLEDO

#### Alexander / Armus Learning Specialists

**419-472-4554**

Reading Clinic, 6 learning specialists, all teachers with Masters

Educational Training: All instructors have B.A. plus M.A. or M.Ed.

Licensure/Certification: certified teachers, from kindergarten through grade 12;

Training (one or more instructors): Lindamood-Bell programs: LiPS, Seeing Stars, Visualization and Verbalization; Orton-Gillingham based programs: Wilson Reading System (Level I), Alphabetic Phonics (pending); RAVE-O; Read Naturally; Framing Your Thoughts; Handwriting without Tears

Services: Dyslexia/LD Specialists, Reading Clinic

## MAHONING COUNTY

### SEBRING

#### Jennifer Hill

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Educational Training: M.S.Ed. – Walden University; B.S. Elementary Education

Licensure / Certification: General Education K-8; Reading K-12; Special Education K-12; Project Read

Training: Project Read; Neuhaus

Affiliation: Private Practice

Services Offered: Dyslexia / LD Specialist, Reading Specialist; Phonology, Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Written Expression, Handwriting, Mathematics, Study/Organizational Skills (K-5)

## PORTAGE COUNTY

### KENT

#### Zsuzsi “Sue” Percsi

**330-677-5848**

Intervention Specialist

**330-968-5044 cell**

Educational Training: Kent State University M.Ed, Ohio University BBA

Licensure/Certification: Wilson

Services: Dyslexia/LD Specialists, Reading-Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension

### AURORA

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**216-287-7040 cell**

Wilson-Certified Reading Tutor

[anovscott@gmail.com](mailto:anovscott@gmail.com)

Licensure/Certification: Wilson Level 1

Services: Dyslexia/LD Specialists, Reading-Decoding, Spelling, Reading Comprehension

## STARK / SUMMIT COUNTIES

### AKRON

**Lori Josephson** - Educational Consultant  
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**330-730-2875**

Educational Training: M.A. Special Education / Learning Disabilities; B.S. Psychology / Economics

Licensure / Certification: Special Education K-12 States of OH, MD, NY; Fellow, Orton-Gillingham Academy of Practitioners & Educators; Certified Wilson Language Trainer

Training: Lindamood-Bell Method; Orton-Gillingham Approach; Project Read / Language Circle (Phonology, Comprehension, Written Expression; Language!; Wilson Reading System, Wilson Just Words, Wilson Foundations, Handwriting Without Tears

Affiliation: Wilson Language Accredited Partner Trainer; Private Practice: DX, Tutorial, Teacher Training, School Consultation

Services Offered: Dyslexia / LD Specialist; Reading Specialist; Educational Therapist; Educational Diagnostic Evaluations; Professional Development for Teachers inclusive of all areas of literacy

**Pam Kanfer** – Academic Language Therapist

**330-659-3335**

Educational Training: M.S.; B.S. Elementary Education/Administration

Licensure / Certification: Permanent Teaching Certificate – State of OH K-8; Wilson Level I

Training: Lindamood-Bell Method; Orton-Gillingham Approach; Project Read / Language Circle (Comprehension, Written Expression; Language!; Wilson Reading System; Intro. To Structured Language; Patterns for Success in Reading & Spelling

Affiliation: The Lippman School, International Dyslexia Association

Services Offered: Reading, written language/dyslexia services.

### CANTON

**Rebecca Tolson, Tolson Dyslexia Services LLC**  
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Educational Training: Masters of Education; Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education; Certified Academic Language Therapist

Licensure / Certification: Qualified Instructor; Learning Therapy Graduate Certificate; Wilson Language Levels I & II; Elementary Education Professional License

Training: Wilson Reading System; Orton-Gillingham Approach; Project Read; Alphabetic Phonics; Multisensory Teaching Approach

Affiliation: Canton Country Day School; Stark County Educational Service Center, sub-contractor; Ashland University, Adjunct Professor, Southern Methodist University, Adjunct Professor; Akron University, Adjunct Professor; Cuyahoga County Educational Service Center, sub-contractor

Services Offered: Academic Language Therapy for dyslexia and dysgraphia; Educational Diagnostic Evaluations; Professional Development Services; Graduate Courses

**Vicki Westrich, Dyslexia Tutor LLC**  
[cwestrich@neo.rr.com](mailto:cwestrich@neo.rr.com)

**330-452-4832**

Educational Training: Master's of Arts in Education; Bachelors of Science in Education; Associate of Science Degree

Licensure / Certification: Elementary Education (K-8) Professional License; Program of

Education in Therapy for Dyslexia Certification; Certified Academic Language Practitioner  
Training: Orton-Gillingham Approach  
Affiliation: Private Practice; Children's Dyslexia Center in Canton, Ohio  
Services Offered: Individualized Language Therapy for Students with Dyslexia, ADD/ADHD, Executive Function Difficulties, Nonverbal Learning Disability, Dysgraphia and more using the Orton-Gillingham Method

## **NORTH CANTON**

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**330-806-4336**

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Educational Training: Master's of Education; Bachelor of Science: Intervention Specialist with Reading Endorsement; Certified Academic Language Therapist

Licensure / Certification: Learning Therapy Graduate Certificate; Intervention Specialist Professional License with Reading Endorsement

Training: Wilson Reading System Introductory; Alphabetic Phonics; Multisensory Teaching Approach

Services Offered: Academic Language Therapy for dyslexia and dysgraphia; Educational Diagnostic Evaluations; Professional Development Services

## **SAGAMORE HILLS**

**Lawrence School**

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