

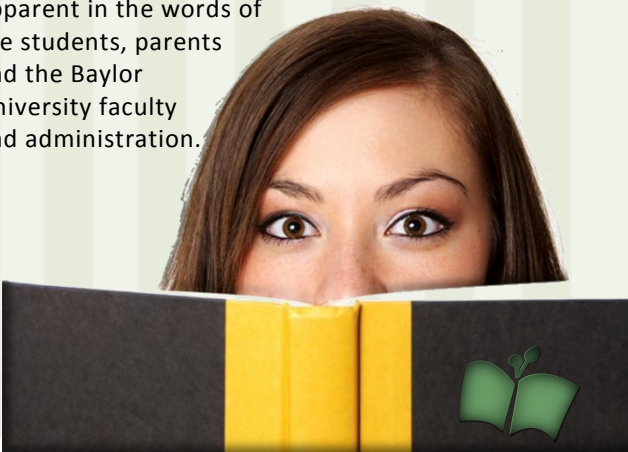
"Camp Success" is the perfect way to set children on the right track. By enabling each camper to achieve as much progress in four weeks as a typical student would progress in one year. The intervention is intense, as well as explicit and systematic, and the treatments are all research-based and known to be effective. "Camp Success" emphasizes the fun and importance of reading at a time when our children need it most. While at the same time, preparing them to become a self-sufficient, community minded citizen.

The success of this program is borne out by the relation of parents and other family members. As one stated recently,

"I can't really put into words the impact it (Camp Success) has made and the growth. We are fortunate to be here. It is like a flower that is opening up. In our home the last couple of nights, we have had tears of joy from watching and listening to our grandson's expansion of vocabulary and comprehension."

Another important outcome of the "Camp Success" program is that the fruits of its labors are and will be spread across the state of Texas, the nation, and even the world because of the involvement of graduate students, who will go out and work in schools, hospitals and rehabilitation centers and use the same kind of treatment as that used in "Camp Success."

Camp Success's success is written on the face of the youngsters, who benefit from this intense literacy day camp. Waco Scottish Rite Bodies motto of **"Serving Today - Creating a Better Tomorrow"** is apparent in the words of the students, parents and the Baylor University faculty and administration.



It's difficult to put into words, the feeling you have as a parent," said one camper's father. "You watch a child struggle with reading . . . and you wonder,

"How can I change this?"

There are people in this world like Dr. Ritter, who come to you at a time when they are needed most They change the lives of our children."



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Camp SUCCESS

Read it in their faces!



Dyslexia is the most common reading disability in elementary school. It affects equally males and females, as well as children from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

According to Region XII, it has been estimated that as many as 4500 area pre-school children have significant language problems (2002). Without language interventions, over 50% of the 4500 children will later experience reading deficits (Catts et al., 2002; Stone et al., 2004).

According to the International Dyslexia Association, children with reading disabilities can be taught to read if they get early and effective phonological awareness training. Research substantiates that programs that use multi-sensory structured language techniques can help children learn to read. With early and effective training, children with reading disabilities will have significantly fewer problems in learning to read at grade level than do children who are not identified or helped until 3rd grade (Diamond and Mandel, 1998).



Numerous studies have examined the effectiveness of training phonological processing skills in children who have been identified as being at-risk for reading disabilities as well as those who have been identified as poor readers (Blachman, 1989; Gillon, 2002; Montgomery, 2007). The intervention research has suggested that training in the area of language-based reading skills creates a positive effect on the subsequent reading skills (Ball and Blachman, 1991; Bradley and Bryant, 1983; Lundberg, Frost, and Peterson, 1988; Wagner, Torgesen and Rashotte, 1994; Montgomery, 2007). According to Lyon (1998), 85 to 90% of poor readers who receive effective prevention and early intervention can increase their reading skills to within average levels (Lyon, 1998; Moore-Brown and Montgomery, 2001; Montgomery, 2007).

Since 2003, the Waco Scottish Rite and Baylor University's Communication Disorders Clinic in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders have intervened on behalf of children who are at risk of educational failure because of significant language disorders and dyslexia. These non-profit organizations exemplify the highest dedication to the humanitarian goal of improving the life success of children with language disorders and dyslexia.

Over the past 7 years, Waco Scottish Rite has provided the financial resources necessary to implement a summer program for children with language-based reading impairments/dyslexia. "Camp Success" is the name of the Waco Scottish Rite sponsored summer camp for treatment of children who experience oral and written language disorders which includes reading disorders/dyslexia. These children range from 5 years to 18 years of age. **The children involved in "Camp Success" over this period of time have experienced anywhere from one year progress to four years progress following the therapy provided in this summer program.** The therapy provided as part of "Camp Success" is sought after by many parents and their children who are in need of "help" in reading. The waiting list for entry into "Camp Success" is anywhere from one to two years. Some children have actually waited for over two years for these therapy services. "Camp Success" captures the hope, enthusiasm and intent of the children and families who attend this camp, which is also characterized by the attitudes and commitments of the faculty and staff.

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