



[Overview Slide Deck: Overcoming Dyslexia](#)

This is the overview slide deck that provides and schedule for the speakers and introductory information.

Week 1: David Hurford

June 8, 2023

Dr. David Hurford, Chair, Department of Psychology and Counseling and Director, Center for Research, Evaluation and Awareness of Dyslexia

During this session, Dr. David Hurford shares what dyslexia is, what the symptoms look like in both children and adults, and the fundamentals of teaching people with dyslexia to read.

[Presentation: The Nature of Reading and Dyslexia](#)

[Video Link: Week 1, The Nature of Reading and Dyslexia.](#)

Week 2: Stacy Cates

June 15, 2023

Stacy Cates MA, CCC-SLP
SLPD Doctoral Student, University of Kansas Medical Center
Founder K12 Consulting & Therapy Services
Owner/Partner Kansas City Speech Professionals (KCSP)

Stacey Cates is a Speech-Language Pathologist who is well versed in the dyslexia assessment process. During this session, she shares how to identify at-risk students, and the assessment process for evaluating for dyslexia, clinically or in our school setting.

[Presentation: Diagnosing Dyslexia](#)

[Video Link: Week 2, Diagnosing Dyslexia](#)

Week 3: The Ricker Family

June 22, 2023

The Ricker Family: Parents, Jim and Deb, and daughter Molly

During this session, the Ricker Family shares their journey of Molly navigating through school with dyslexia. Molly, a successful college student, teaches us the power of

holding high expectations for all kids and the critical importance of teaching children to advocate for what they need. As parents AND educators, Jim and Deb share the highs and lows of their journey and you leave this session with confidence that dyslexia can indeed be overcome! We are also very thankful for Molly's willingness to be interviewed at a different time for an intimate glimpse into her school experience. That video is also included below.

[Presentation: Molly Ricker's Story](#)

[Video Link: Week 3, Molly Ricker's Story](#)

[Molly Ricker Interview with Jeri Powers](#)

Week 4: Jim Porter & Laurie Curtis

June 29, 2023

Jim Porter, District 9, Kansas State Board of Education
Chair of the Kansas Dyslexia Task Force

Laurie Curtis, Kansas State Department of Education
Early Literacy/Dyslexia Project Manager

In this presentation, Mr. Jim Porter shares background information regarding the recommendations of the Kansas Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia and Laurie Curtis will share what has been accomplished across Kansas to move the recommendations forward so that the literacy needs of ALL students are met.

[Presentation: Dyslexia: Past Present Future](#)

[Video Link: Week 4, Dyslexia: Past, Present, and Future](#)

[Executive Function Sheet with Strategies](#)

[Kansas Early Literacy/ Dyslexia Page](#)

You can access many documents here. Please note that a newer version of the Dyslexia Handbook will be on this page later this summer.

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