



# LDAV



# Communiqué

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### From the President

The 2011 economic roller coaster has affected all aspects of life, including the education of our children. The 2010 Annual LDA Conference in Jacksonville emphasized the difficulties all states face to ensure appropriate education for special education students.

On October 15, 2011 the Annual LDAV Conference will focus on LD trends in Virginia in three important areas:

**Response to Intervention.** Since IDEA 2004, states, districts, and schools have begun implementing activities they identify as RTI. Screening, data collection, instruction, progress monitoring, referral, and movement among tiers are uniquely theirs. As Virginia schools implement the Pyramid of Learning Interventions intended to help underachieving students, major questions are emerging, such as: **Can RTI alone...**

- identify LD students needing specialized instruction?
- provide intervention for success with students with LD?

**Study Skills and Strategies** As students with LD move beyond the primary grades, mastering, organizing, and remembering subject content becomes very important to school and career success. Self-confidence and social skills become important for motivation, self-awareness, and self-advocacy. Parents, teachers and students need to know and use these skills both in and beyond the classroom.

**Technology** – With students becoming the multi-tasking digital generation, both high-tech and low-tech technology is becoming a part of the school landscape. Many questions are emerging, including:

- How will online SOL testing affect your child/student's ability to show what he/she has learned?
- Are schools keeping up with new technology, such as e-books, and ensuring access for students with LD?

Join other parents, teachers, and administrators as we come together at the 2011 Conference to learn how Virginia is updating teaching, resources, and services for students with LD. See you on October 15, 2011.

Mary Webster

### LDAV MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like to join LDA & LDAV.

My check for \$30.00 payable to LDAV is enclosed.

I would like a 1-year subscription to *LD: A Multidisciplinary Journal*.

My check for \$75 for membership and the Journal is enclosed.

I am interested in working locally or at the state level for LDAV.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I am a new member.

I am renewing my membership.

I am a  Parent

Professional

LD Adult

Send this form with your check to:

LDAV Treasurer

12226 Ward Rd. King George, VA 22485

e-mail: [seak@va.metrocast.net](mailto:seak@va.metrocast.net)

Learning Disabilities in the 21st Century  
**What's on the Horizon?**

**Learning Disabilities of Virginia 2011 Conference**



**Saturday, October 15, 2011**

Clarion Hotel, Richmond Central

3207 North Boulevard, Richmond, VA 804-359-9441



**9:30 – 10:00 am Registration and Coffee**

**10:00 – 11:00 am LD: Testing, LD Guide, RTI, and Other Activities**

Teresa Lee, Ed. D., LD Supervisor, Division of Special Education and Student Services, VA Department of Education, Richmond

**11:00 – 12:00 Study Skills and Strategies that Improve Learning**

Karen Rooney, Ph.D., Educational Enterprises, Richmond

**12:00 – 12:30 p.m. LD: Accessing Assistive Technology at School**

Fiona Bessey-Bushnel, OTR/L, ATP, Assistive Technology Liaison, Chesterfield County, Richmond and Adjunct Faculty Instructor, VCU. Richmond

**12:30 – 1:30 pm Italian Buffet Lunch** (*for Pre-Registrants only*)

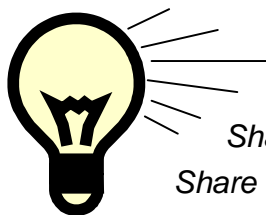
**LD: Sharing a Father's Perspective**

J.D. Mashburn, M.D., Silver Spring, MD

**1:45 – 2:45 pm LDAV Annual Meeting**

LDAV Annual Meeting immediately following the Conference

*LDA members are encouraged to attend*



**BRING A COLLEAGUE OR PARENT**

*Car Pool to the Conference*

*Share concerns and problems on the drive to the Conference...*

*Share suggestions and solutions on the drive back from the Conference.*

*Free parking....Registration includes lunch....Registration inside back page*

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## 2011 LDAV CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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To pre-register, complete & mail this form. Lunch available with Pre-Registration only.

If questions, contact Sharon Eak at [seak@va.metrocast.net](mailto:seak@va.metrocast.net) or 540-775-7947.

**Form must be postmarked by Monday, October 10, 2011** Make check payable to **LDAV**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Member  Non-Member

No. of Registrations: LDAV Member \$ 30 \_\_\_\_ Nonmember \$ 65 \_\_\_\_ New member \$ 60 \_\_\_\_

Total Registrations \$ \_\_\_\_

☺ *Partner Registration* 2 parents , 2 professionals , or 1 of each  Subtract \$ 10.00

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_

**Mail form and check to: Sharon Eak, 12226 Ward Road, King George, VA 22485**

Fax Purchase Orders to Jean Lokerson at 804/358-5474

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### Hotel Rooms Available

LDAV has arranged a special rate with the Clarion Hotel Richmond Central of **\$ 69.00 plus tax per night** (single or double occupancy) Includes free continental breakfast. The rate is available for reservations made with the LDAV code through **5 pm Friday, October 7, 2011**. After that date, state that you are with LDAV to receive the discounted rate if rooms are available.

### For Reservations

Call the Clarion Hotel Central Richmond at 804/359-9441 or fax a request to 804/359-1524

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### Directions to Clarion Hotel Richmond Central

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From Washington, D.C. and North:

From 95 SOUTH, Take exit 78  
(Boulevard)\*\*



From Charlottesville and West:

From I-64 East, continue until it merges with  
I-95 South, Take exit 78 (Boulevard)\*\*

From Petersburg, VA and South:

From I-95 North, Take exit 78 (Boulevard)\*\*

From Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and East

From I-64 WEST, Continue until it merges with  
I-95 North, Take exit 78 (Boulevard)\*\*

The Clarion Richmond Central is directly across Boulevard, in front of you

Parking is free

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