

**Considering homeschooling?**

- Read “Is School Working For Your Child,” chapter 1 of *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner*: <http://learndifferently.com/publications-2/articles/>
- Home School Legal Defense Association offers special needs advice and a very good newsletter. They rent certain tests to members. Their helpful extensive website is: [www.hsllda.org/hs/specialneeds/](http://www.hsllda.org/hs/specialneeds/)

**Classes**

- Sign up for SHARENET, a bi-monthly email newsletter, to find dozens of homeschool classes in Northern Virginia. Write SHARENET@att.net
- Eden Hope Academy meets weekly at several locations, classical, Christian, and inclusive. Program <http://www.edenhopeacademy.com>

**Support**

- GiftsNVA is a private yahoo list for Northern Va area homeschoolers with children with special needs [giftsnva-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:giftsnva-owner@yahoogroups.com)
- MD Homeschool Special Needs is a yahoo list for Maryland homeschoolers [MDhomeschoolingSpecialNeeds-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:MDhomeschoolingSpecialNeeds-owner@yahoogroups.com)
- FIN (Families with Instructional Needs) is a part of the larger homeschool group, Family Schools Program of Covenant Life Church in Gaithersburg, MD. <http://familyschoolsprogram.org/fsponline/families-with-instructional-needs-fin/>

**Consulting**

- Consider joining HSLDA and talking to a special education consultant on their staff ([www.hsllda.org/hs/specialneeds/](http://www.hsllda.org/hs/specialneeds/)) or:
- Judi Munday, <http://www.hishelpinschool.com/>
- Sharon Hensley <http://www.almadenvalleychristianschool.com/> ,
- Kathy Kuhl consults in person and long distance.
- HSLDA has a list of other special ed. consultants.

**Assistive Technology**

- Nationally-known expert, Joan Green, in Potomac, gives consultations in person and online webinars. [www.innovativespeech.com](http://www.innovativespeech.com)

**Help With Reading:** Severity of dyslexia varies. Sometimes teaching reading is rocket science. See chapter 18 of *Homeschooling Your Struggling Learner*.

- For more severe difficulties, ASDEC in Rockville offers training, or can refer you to an Academic Therapist, a tutor with the equivalent of a masters in teaching

reading to dyslexics. ASDEC.org is nearest IMSLEC-certified center offering this training. They also offer classes remotely. College credit is available. Some parents take this training, get certified, and launch a second career.

- Less severe difficulties can be helped by using a Multi-sensory Structured Language (MSL) approach such as:
  - Aylett Royall Cox's *Alphabetic Phonics* (<http://eps.schoolspecialty.com/products/details.cfm?series=400M>),
  - Barton System <https://www.bartonreading.com/>, or
  - *Reading Reflex*, or
  - working with a Level II tutor from Wilson Language, or
  - a virtual tutor from Lexercise, <http://lexercise.com/>

Know resources I should add to this list? Please email me at the address below.