

The Extreme Cost of Excluding Dyslexia from Teacher Training

Dyslexia affects up to 20% of the population, yet teacher education programs - at all levels - do not include dyslexia.



The effect on children's mental health

96%	of parents believe there is a direct correlation between their child's mental health and the lack of teacher training in dyslexia
91%	of children require the help of therapists/child psychiatrists
30%	of children require medication for anxiety and/or depression
7%	of children required Child Partial Hospitalization, or School Refusal Program

Parents rated the degree to which lack of teacher training is detrimental to their child's mental health as **EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL**

The effect on families

85%	describe their advocacy efforts as overwhelming and equivalent to a part-time job
83%	would move to another school district/state to obtain evidence-based intervention
93%	pay out of pocket for dyslexia remediation
55%	have hired an advocate

Parents rated the degree to which lack of teacher training affects the family (*strained family/sibling relationships, school anxiety repercussions, ability to spend time with siblings*) as

VERY DETRIMENTAL

The call to action

100%	of families believe there's an urgent need for teacher education programs to equip teachers to identify and remediate dyslexia
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