

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH IN ALABAMA
OCTOBER 2016

Please join us in promoting awareness of dyslexia during October by utilizing the suggested activities provided in this attachment.

Activities for Dyslexia Awareness Month

- **Dyslexia Awareness Month Kick-off Week, October 3-7, 2016**
Create awareness in schools and communities in your district with “dyslexia day/night,” social media events, school casts, morning messages, etc. Utilize Multisensory Structured Language Education (MSLE) trained teachers, school reading specialists, coaches, partners, parents, and community experts to host mini- workshops/seminars and open house community events. Create awareness of resources for support of dyslexia by promoting the International Dyslexia Association-Alabama Branch (IDA-AL) www.idaalabama.org and the Alabama State Department of Education www.alsde.edu Websites.
- **Dyslexia Support Week, October 10-14, 2016**
Wear red or silver to demonstrate awareness and support in your school and community. Encourage teachers and students to demonstrate support for dyslexia by wearing the colors and offering school/class proclamations. Encourage district communication/media personnel to create public service announcements, local news articles, and district communication posts for local school Websites promoting awareness.
- **Community Awareness Week for Dyslexia, October 17-21, 2016**
Coordinate with local partners and stakeholders to develop community awareness of dyslexia by providing facts, resources, and support to families. Encourage groups to reach out to local experts and develop on-going partnerships to support dyslexia. Work to develop year-round communication, support, and resources for families, school, and communities in your district.
- **“Famous Dyslexics” Week, October 24-28, 2016**
Students show support for dyslexics through class projects featuring “famous dyslexics” (Go to www.idaalabama.org Website for a listing).

Resources for Dyslexia Awareness Month

New! Online Dyslexia Awareness Course for Educators

Dyslexia Resource Guide

ALSDE Dyslexia

These resources can be found through the following link:

<http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ari/Pages/dyslexia-all.aspx?navtext=Dyslexia>

IDA-AL Resource Link

<http://idaalabama.org/>