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Dyslexia
Center

Here's what some trainees and practitioners, both at the Center and In-School, had to say about their experience becoming a certified dyslexia practitioner through the Seacoast Learning Center – January 2021

"Hands down, this is the best training I have ever received. The information is timely, and the other practitioners are a wonderful resource."
Gayle Gary – In-School Level 1 Practitioner, SLC Level 2 Practitioner & SLC Supervisor

"I have never been part of a group of individuals so committed to teaching students to read. They are always bringing up the latest research, providing topics to read about, good resources to use in lessons and sharing lessons. I am very grateful for having the opportunity to be a part of such a professional learning community."
Stacy Gagne – In-School Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Trainee



"I have been an educator all my adult life. After I retired, I found the Seacoast Dyslexia Center. I took the challenge to take the training. I learned so much that I never learned in college, professional development, or my Master's program. CDC-SLC training is the best professional development I have ever had. I now

have a bank of skills that can truly help children learn to read and write. The most exciting moment is when a student internalizes the OG routines and realizes that he/she has made progress. They have learned that they can learn to read! Completing the training and writing individualized lesson plans is hard work, but the joy of helping children break the code is priceless and makes it all worthwhile!"

Becky Beal – SLC Level 1 Practitioner, SLC Level 2 Practitioner & SLC Supervisor

"I have had some very good training over my teaching career. I have learned LIPS, Wilson, and LETRS. They have all given me some great background knowledge and helped me improve as an educator. The difference with CDC-SLC training is that I have a thorough understanding of our language but now I also have a direction for how to put it all together. I also have a support of amazing educators to share and grow with through the center. The center is always there to answer questions and encourages growth as a professional to make the biggest impact on our students."

Davita Fotier – In-School Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Trainee



"The knowledgeable staff at CDC-SLC Rochester is invaluable. The partnership created between student-mentor is critical for success, and I have been so fortunate to work with many skilled mentors at the center. They continue to share insights, expertise, and methods for success. Their willingness to help problem solve, and provide support is what makes me successful in my own practice. This professional development opportunity allows for true student-mentor partnerships as your mentor guides you through the program and ensures success."

Shannan Brams – SLC Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Trainee

"Hands down, CDC-SLC training is superior to any other professional development experience that I've had. The CDC-SLC training demands mastery of the skills needed to implement multisensory instruction. The training is rigorous and time-consuming, but worth every second. I am confident that I'm making a profound difference in my students' lives."

Tricia Banafato – SLC Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Trainee

"The CDC-SLC training experience was the most beneficial professional development I have ever had. My hope is that all teachers of reading would come to classrooms prepared with the knowledge and skills the training gave me."

Heidi Zollman– In-School Level 1 Practitioner & School District Liaison

"In a broad sense it has allowed me to better advocate for children who struggle to read. It has also allowed me to better educate staff, administration, and parents to those struggles. From an instructional standpoint it has helped provide students the tools, knowledge, and confidence to decode and comprehend our language."

Kate Snow – In-School Level 1 Practitioner

"My CDC-SLC training was more comprehensive, hands-on, and eye opening than my master's program."

Rhonda Campbell – SLC Level 1 Practitioner

"The CDC-SLC is the most intense training I have had, including graduate school, and completely worth it!"

Caryn Burton – SLC Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Trainee



"I am not the first person to note how the training and experiences I have received at the center have changed my life. To learn an approach where you can see progress and improvement during each lesson is astounding! Couple that with a professional community that is positive and continually seeks to do better and be better, and you find a place that people want to remain a part of after their training has ended. The benefits are mutual; by giving time and effort, I receive joy and deepen my practice."

Ingrid Porter – SLC Level 1 Practitioner, SLC Level 2 Practitioner, SLC Supervisor & Trainer

“This was the most comprehensive training I've ever received, by far. The combination of the readings, live classroom trainings, lesson implementation and frequent feedback made it more valuable than any college course I've ever taken or any short-term PD opportunities I've attended. I believe it should become mandatory for teacher training programs!”
Alison Neri – In-School Level 1 Practitioner

“The training at CDC-SLC is hands on. The director and supervisors are approachable and nonjudgmentally respond to questions. (Believe me, there are many questions that arise!) The investment, of both the director and supervisors, in helping trainees navigate all that is expected of them, truly lends to trainees graduating with a strong ability to practice confidently. I don't feel that this can be achieved through an abbreviated class. You might learn the concepts but not fully understand how or why they are implemented the way they are. The encouragement and support you receive at the CDC-SLC is well worth your investment in learning!”
Karen Halliday – SLC Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Practitioner

“My experience at the Seacoast Learning Center was the most meaningful and rewarding educational experience of my life. This exceptionally talented and supportive community is outstanding.”
Kathy Patten – SLC Level 1 Practitioner

“Unlike other professional development, my training was both a mile deep and a mile wide. The immersive experience molded me into a far more knowledgeable and effective teacher, to a level I hadn't imagined was possible. Based on all of my previous PD experiences, I feel it’s more accurate to compare my training experience to my C.A.G.S. degree training at Plymouth University. No professional development opportunity has ever come close to the quality of what I experienced at the CDC-SLC training.”
Karen Jenkins – In-School Level 1 Practitioner & SLC Level 2 Practitioner