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Conference 2012

Changing Your Mind

April 20 & 21

**Knox Christian School
410 North Scugog Court,
Bowmanville, ON**

Of interest to Educators - Resource teachers, Classroom teachers, Administrators, Homeschoolers and Parents

NILD Canada™ extends a warm welcome to all educators, parents, and friends to our annual conference. Please join us as together we explore quality learning solutions to help students with ADHD, Dyslexia, and other learning disorders.

NILD Canada™ trains educators in a model of intervention utilizing a variety of techniques designed to stimulate cognitive and perceptual functioning. The goal of NILD Educational Therapy™ is to equip individuals with learning disorders to succeed as independent learners.

Trained Educational Therapists are available throughout Canada to meet the needs of students and adults with learning disorders through an individualized program of educational therapy.

Prospective Therapists can view a list of current training opportunities at www.nildcanada.org.

*Developing Minds
Changing Lives
Equipping Parents*

Meet our Guest Speakers

Nancy Jessen, MEd., M.A.

Nancy has been an educational therapist for the past 28 years. She has a BA in Christian Education, an M. Ed. in Learning Disabilities and an MA in counseling. Nancy both knew and learned from Grace Mutzabaugh and Deborah Zimmerman, founders of the educational therapy approach adopted by NILD. Nancy was an instructor for the first NILD course offered in Canada and is proud to claim Trix Bradley, Canadian National Director, as one of the many therapists she has mentored throughout her career. Nancy has also served as International Coordinator for NILD, traveling to over 40 countries with her husband, to teach NILD courses, mentor new instructors, and provide pastoral care for missionaries and nationals. Nancy and Dan have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. They live in Marvin, NC where Nancy continues to provide educational therapy and to travel to Guatemala, the Philippines and South Africa when invited.

Dr. Daniel Jessen, B.A., M.A., M.Div., Ed. D.

Dan, a missionary with *Ripe for Harvest World Outreach*, serves as an international educator and encourager. Since 1994, Dan has worked as a pastor-to-missionaries and a mentor to alumni of various courses he has taught at seminaries and Bible colleges in Armenia, Canada, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Singapore and the USA. Dan often serves as *chaplain* for NILD courses that Nancy teaches. Previously, Dan was an Associate Professor of Family and Youth Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in MA and NC.

Dr. Ken Marek, Ph.D.

Dr. Marek, ADHD to Ph.D., received his doctorate of education degree at the University of South Dakota and completed his internship at McMaster University Medical Centre in Hamilton, Ontario. He served as chief psychologist at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie from 1983 to 1988 and has been a private practicing psychologist in Barrie ever since. His practice is broad based and includes not only psychotherapy but also a variety of assessments. The educational assessments focus on children's strengths and weaknesses as well as the identification of possible learning disabilities. Creative and innovative approaches to helping children overcome limitations is a primary objective. When Ken made the radical decision to study the humanities, it was with much apprehension. He had trouble reading and couldn't spell. God has quite the sense of humour, as Ken has not been able to stop reading or writing for the last 30 years. It was not until he was studying learning disabilities that he discovered he had dyslexia.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 20

11:30-12:00 Registration

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-1:40 OPENING SESSION

Where in the World is NILD: Canada and Beyond - Nancy Jessen

A brief history of the development of NILD's vision to take NILD Educational Therapy to the world with Canada as its launching pad. I will share my passion for developing NILD internationally and facilitating directors to carry on the work in their own country.

1:45-2:30 SESSION II

**F-1 Acrobatic Alphabet
Robin Biller**

This session will take you through the beginning stages of moveable alphabet and move you to places you have never gone before. Physical fitness is not a prerequisite.

**F-2 All Those steps for Blue Book, OH MY!
Marilyn Lambert**

Blue Book is a powerful core technique but how on earth do we use it all in therapy? We will find our way through the Blue Book and "Sounds of" series maze to decide how to make therapy more effective. Come, experience the glory of Blue Book!

F-3 Learning Disabilities Video Presentation

2:30-2:45 BREAK

2:45-4:00 SESSION III

**F-4 LD: It's a Family Affair
Dr. Dan Jessen**

L.D. is more than simply a school issue. What are some of the various challenges of living with the LD child? How can parents manage? Hear some practical ideas for helping parents and siblings of an L.D. child get along better in their homes.

**F-5 Oh No...Not Annual Testing Again!
Trix Bradley**

Take the fear factor out of annual testing! We'll review the WHY's, the WHEN's and the HOW's so that you'll agree that annual testing (and setting goals) is a "piece of cake" and an important part of the process of educational therapy. You'll leave with checklists and resources to help you organize and stay on top of the annual testing experience. (Relevant to new and experienced Educational Therapists)

4:00-4:15 BREAK

4:15-5:30 SESSION IV

**F-6 Reading for All its Worth
Nancy Jessen**

What does the brain need to read? We will explore the developmental steps in learning to read from infancy through high school. It will suggest realistic goals and objectives to be achieved at various ages and also give practical help in using the therapy session to enhance decoding, fluency and comprehension.

**F-7 Search & Teach and Educational Therapy
Cheryl McDonald and Diane Vandemeent**

Discovery Through the Ages! Come and observe experienced Educational Therapists demonstrate Educational Therapy and Search & Teach. Get a glimpse into the Discovery and Junior Discovery sessions!

Saturday, April 21

9:00-9:20 Registration

9:20 - 10:45 OPENING SESSION

**So, Who Do You Think You Are?
Dr. Ken Marek**

We will discuss the four basic personality styles and how they are affected by learning disabilities. Since each personality style responds differently it is important that students, parents, teachers and therapists all have a clear understanding of how these styles interact in order to overcome learning barriers and maximize the effect of strategies.

10:45-11:00 BREAK

11:00-12:15 SESSION VI

**S-2 Those Inner Voices
Mary-Lou Maclean**

The role that inner speech plays in education is significant. Many struggling learners have not developed the ability to *self talk* creating impulsivity and comprehension difficulties. A teacher who is competent in the skills of questioning can influence a student's ability to develop inner language.

**S-3 What is the Essence of NILD?
Dr. Dan Jessen**

Working as an Educational Therapist can be the ultimate challenge in "distinguishing the forest from the trees." How can I be sure I have a secure grasp of the essence of NILD when I give therapy? What's the role of the educational therapist? How do the various techniques contribute to the whole? This session speaks to the NILD Educational Therapist.

12:15-1:30 LUNCH

1:30-2:45 SESSION VII

**S-4 Language! Language! Language!
Nancy Jessen**

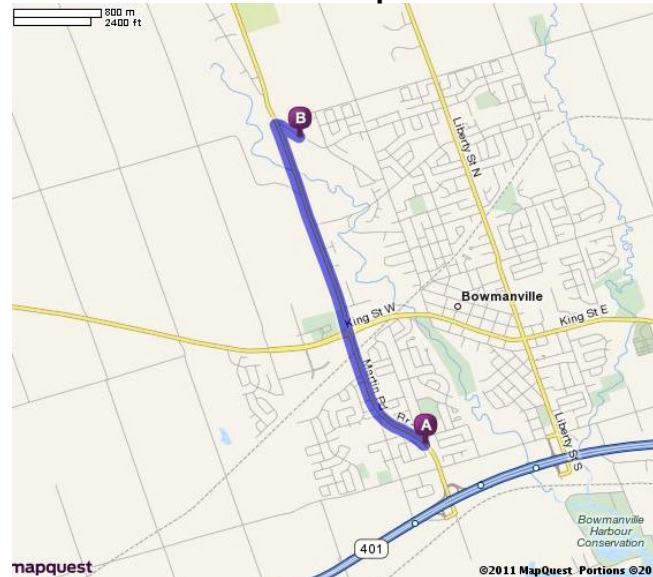
Language is a wondrous thing. It is a vehicle of thought and a means of communication, helping us relate to one another and to God. Research supports the necessity of directly teaching linguistic structure to students who struggle with reading and spelling. How do we go about doing this in the most effective manner? Let's explore many avenues to improve language ability.

**S-5 What is NILD Educational Therapy?
Verina Goobie**

This session nicely complements the Discovery demonstration (F-7), but also stands alone as an overview of what makes NILD Educational Therapy so effective and distinctive. If you're new to NILD or considering taking one of our training courses, this session is for you!

**2:45-3:00 CLOSING
Trix Bradley - Director
NILD Canada**

Conference Location Map and Directions



Take 401 to Bowmanville, east of Oshawa, Take Exit 431 at Waverly Road (RR-57) Continue north on RR-57 (becomes Martin Rd) approx. 4km. Turn right onto North Scugog Court. School is on the right.

Convenient hotel nearby:



From 401 go north on Waverly, left onto Baseline, south onto Spicer Square. Hotel is visible from Hwy.

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All Others	\$185.00	\$165.00

One Day Rates

Registered Therapists/ Associates	\$90.00
All Others	\$110.00

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