



Diane Lyon has been a passionate and effective advocate for children, adolescents, and adults who struggle to learn to read with a focus on learning effectively, in the home and in the classroom. In 1995 Diane founded the Parent Coalition for Literacy in Indiana and designed and implemented a state wide advocacy initiative that brought together parents and leaders from the education, legislative, business, and medical community to build access to an effective education all children in the state. The coalition was successful in disseminating critical research findings to educators, parents, business and legislators to guide and improve instructional practices and policies as well as implementing professional development programs for teachers and administrators.

Diane's passion for education compelled her to take her advocacy and management expertise to the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., where she directed programs for a national network of Federal Parent Training Information Centers. During her three years at the U.S. Department of Education Diane also helped develop initiatives to promote awareness of research-based educational practices so people could identify and establish critical priorities for parent training resources nationwide.

In 2005 Diane moved and served as projects manager for the Research and Evaluation Division at Higher Ed Holdings in Dallas, Texas, and directed the development and implementation of data collection, analysis, and reporting platforms to ensure program effectiveness. In addition she was responsible for the management and coordination of complex higher education accreditation proposals as well as leading program implementation and student services functions.

From 2008 to 2009 Diane was the Chief Operating Officer at, *a company that develops research based Educational Program, an internet-based, supplemental and intervention, reading program.* The program is intended to be used to help prevent emerging readers from lagging behind and to supplement the Core reading program for Kindergarten through third grade.

Diane also was a Research Projects Manager at Southern Methodist University. She managed a randomized study funded by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education. The study focus was on the response to intervention, using technology within classrooms with hundreds of at-risk students in Dallas Independent School District.

Diane is now Chief Operating Office of Synergistic Education Solutions, an educational consulting company: [www.ReidLyon.com](http://www.ReidLyon.com).

She also continues to provide workshops to states, parents, teachers and administrator, sharing how she effectively implements research into practice, not only in the classroom but in the home. She shares her personal story of her own experiences with dyslexia, which provides a different level of urgency and attention. She weaves in how she learned of her son's dyslexia twenty years ago and what she learned along the way as a COO in an educational profit company, and as a Reading Research Project Manager of a Federal Grant. She also adds practical strategies for navigating a school day for teacher, parent and for the student with dyslexia. She shares her daily routine when raising her son with dyslexia and ADHAD and how he then was able to successfully support himself through 4 years at Indiana University and as he completed Law School and passing the Illinois bar exam in 2010.