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Focus on a Client:

Advocate for People With Dyslexia Develops Easy-to-Learn Tutoring System

Bright Solutions for Dyslexia is an information and resource center whose mission is to increase awareness of dyslexia and ADD/ADHD by providing research-based information to parents, teachers, and other professionals.

"Public schools do not test for dyslexia. So it is up to parents to learn the classic warning signs -- and get testing and the right type of help outside of the public school system," said Susan Barton, who founded Bright Solutions for Dyslexia in 1998.

"People with dyslexia do NOT see things backwards, and they can all read -- up to a point -- but they are terrible spellers," Barton said. "They cannot retain their spelling words from one week to the next, or spell high frequency words such as they, does, where, was, and because. Despite being taught phonics, people with dyslexia cannot easily and accurately sound out unknown words."

Visit www.BrightSolutions.US for a list of the classic warning signs of dyslexia.



Susan Barton

Barton is an internationally recognized expert in her field and a popular speaker. In addition to offering professional development seminars of her own, and speaking at many conferences, Barton is hired to conduct in-service training sessions at public and private schools throughout North America. She also teaches at the graduate and under-graduate level at several leading universities. Barton has passion, enthusiasm, and the ability to explain complex issues in easy-to-understand language.

According to Barton, people with dyslexia can significantly improve their reading and spelling skills if they are taught using an Orton-Gillingham-based system. Barton developed the acclaimed Barton Reading and Spelling System, an Orton-Gillingham influenced system designed specifically for parents, homeschool parents, and

volunteer tutors in literacy programs. She is trained in seven different Orton-Gillingham-based reading systems, but when she began to train brand-new tutors, she recognized the need for an easier-to-learn and easier-to-use system.

The Barton System contains enough support for parents and volunteer tutors, yet is complete enough for professional tutors as well as reading and resource specialists.

"For maximum success, children with dyslexia need three things," Barton explained. "They must be identified, must receive the right type of tutoring, and must be accommodated in the classroom until their skills reach grade level."

Visit www.BrightSolutions.US for more information about Bright Solutions for Dyslexia and the Barton System. ▲

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