

## CLLC President Appointed to National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities

Fitzhugh Named as Representative

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Colorado Literacy & Learning Center President Dr. Lynne Fitzhugh was recently appointed to serve on the National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities (NJCLD), a 501(c)(3) headquartered in Rockville, MD. Fitzhugh will serve as one of twenty-four members on the committee and will represent the Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA), the twelfth and newest member organization.

“It’s an honor to be selected for this important work,” commented Fitzhugh, ALTA President-Elect. “It’s promising to see such respected organizations come together for the good of individuals, including children, who struggle with learning disabilities like dyslexia.”

The mission of the NJCLD is to provide multi-organizational leadership and resources to optimize outcomes nation-wide for individuals with learning disabilities. The NJCLD works to identify and address needs in research, policy and professional education and development related to learning disabilities.

“The National Joint Committee on Learning Disabilities (NJCLD) is pleased to announce that ALTA representatives will join us in our efforts to support individuals with learning disabilities,” commented Elsa Cardenas-Hagan, Ed.D., NJCLD Chairperson. “We are certain ALTA will be a significant contributor to the mission of NJCLD.”

Fitzhugh is President of the Colorado Literacy & Learning Center which she founded in 2001, a Colorado Springs-based non-profit dedicated to helping individuals with dyslexia. Additionally, she is Director and Lecturer of Colorado College’s Master of Arts in Teaching – Literacy Specialist Program. In 2018, Fitzhugh was named “Professional of the Year” by the Colorado Council of Learning Disabilities (CLD) and went on to receive CLD’s “Floyd G. Hudson Outstanding Service Award” at the CLD International Conference in Portland, OR.

“Lynne is an outstanding educator, and true pioneer and champion for dyslexia intervention and remediation in the state of Colorado,” stated Colorado Literacy & Learning Center Instructor Janie Harvey. “Lynne has single-handedly trained the most knowledgeable teachers in Academic Language Therapy across our state, transforming the lives of countless students who’ve struggled to read.”

Fitzhugh will be one of 24 representatives serving on the NJCLD. She is President-Elect of the Academic Language Therapy Association and serves on the board of the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC). She is a past board member of the International Dyslexia Association where she served on the Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading Committee.

“ALTA is happy to announce Lynne’s appointment to the NJCLD,” stated ALTA President Jean Colner of Ohio earlier this summer. “We know ALTA will be well-represented by her breadth of knowledge and expertise.”

The member organizations of NJCLD include the following:

- Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)
- Association of Educational Therapists (AET)
- Council for Learning Disabilities (CLD)
- Division for Communicative Disabilities and Deafness (DCDD), Council for Exceptional Children
- Division for Learning Disabilities (DLD), Council for Exceptional Children
- International Dyslexia Association (IDA)
- International Literacy Association
- Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA)
- National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
- National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD)

Fitzhugh has an extensive background in dyslexia and related disabilities, and has been a featured speaker at both local and national conferences. She is an expert in teacher training and how children learn to read and write. Her publications include various articles on educational issues.

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