
LDAA Annual Conference

Saturday, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



More than 200 administrators, educators, special educators, reading specialists, academic therapists, speech-language pathologists, parents and individuals with learning disabilities are expected to attend the LDAA annual conference. Designed to help parents, teachers and other professionals learn the latest treatment and teaching strategies for children with learning disabilities, the conference features breakout sessions lead by area professionals as well as popular keynote speaker Rick Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.

About LDAA

The Learning Disabilities Association of Arkansas is a non-profit, volunteer organization for parents and professionals devoted to defining and pursuing solutions to the broad spectrum of learning disorders. LDAA is a state affiliate of the Learning Disabilities Association of America and was chartered in 1963.

Featuring *The Motivation Breakthrough: 6 Secrets to Turning on the Tuned out Child*

BY: RICK LAVOIE, M.A., M.ED

Every learning theory from Maslow to Gardner has motivation as its initial and fundamental step. Few teachers, however, have a repertoire of effective motivational strategies and techniques. In the classroom we tend to use a “one size fits all” approach by attempting to motivate all students with one single reward system, star chart or grading policy. This seminar presents an innovative and field-tested model that enables teachers to better understand and foster student motivation at all grade levels. Explore common misconceptions and ineffective strategies related to student motivation as well as specific approaches and strategies that maintain student motivation throughout the school year.



Richard “Rick” Lavoie, keynote speaker, is author of “The Motivation Breakthrough: 6 Secrets to Turning On the Tuned-Out Child” and creator of “How Difficult Can This Be: The F.A.T.City Workshop.” LaVoie, a special educator with more than 30 years administrative experience, has served as a learning disabilities consultant to several agencies and organizations, including the National Center for Learning Disabilities and Girl Scouts of America. He regularly shares his special education philosophies through speaking engagements, media appearances, video and his podcast, “Tales From the Road.”

Conference Schedule	
8:30-9 a.m.	Registration
9-10 a.m.	First Breakout Session
10-10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15-11:15 a.m.	Second Breakout Session
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Exhibitor Hall
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Luncheon Keynote Speaker Rick Lavoie, M.A., M. Ed.
1-1:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Hall/ Book Signing
1:30-3:30 p.m.	<i>The Motivation Breakthrough</i> Workshop with Rick Lavoie, M.A., M. Ed.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Parent to Parent Education on IEP and 504 Preparation

Presented by Karen L. Lutrick, Parent Educator, Arkansas Disability Coalition

How to Start the IEP or 504 Process: Before the Meeting, At the Meeting and After the Meeting tips.

Karen Lutrick started as a part-time employee with the Arkansas Disability Coalition (ADC) in January 2008, then became a full-time employee in August 2008. Her youngest child provided her the opportunity of gaining 20 years experience in securing his Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) under the Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA).

Getting Organized

Presented by Tammy Simmons, M.S., CCC-SLP, Chief Executive Officer, ACCESS Group, Inc.

Many students struggle with mental and physical organization. Explore methods for organizing thoughts, organizing information to learn, time management and prioritization. Review technology that can be used in the learning process.

Tammy Simmons, M.S., CCC-SLP, chief executive officer of ACCESS Group Inc., is one of the three founding members of the organization. She is responsible for all aspects of administration, including budgeting, fundraising and board development. She also serves as the program director for ACCESS Academy, our school-aged program. A graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, she has master's degree in communicative disorders. At ACCESS, Simmons specializes in therapy intervention for children ages 3-18 with a variety of disorders. She has expertise in educational technology, curriculum development and grant writing.

The Strategic Writer

Presented by Tina McCain, MLA, Writing Specialist, Jones Learning Center, University of the Ozarks

This session will inform educators and parents of the impacts of learning disabilities on students' writing. Learn strategies and techniques, including technology, to teach students to compensate for writing deficits.

Tina McCain, MLA, is the writing specialist in the Jones Learning Center, a comprehensive support program for students with learning disabilities at the University of the Ozarks. She has a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in communications. McCain has been involved in post-secondary education for 19 years. For 14 of those years, she has taught writing to students with ADHD and other learning disabilities. McCain has made presentations on using specific techniques and strategies to teach English and writing to students with learning disabilities at conferences held by LDA International and LDA state chapters, as well as at local conferences and universities.

Can Math Instruction (Really) Be Differentiated?

Presented by Margo Turner, Ed. D., Director of Learner Services, Little Rock Christian Academy

Understanding how the brain learns mathematics and specific strategies on how to teach mathematics effectively to all the levels and learning needs of students.

Margo Turner, Ed. D., "I think kids are the greatest people on earth and I say that because of 24 years of previous experience as a first grade teacher, children's minister, consultant, Title 1 reading teacher, author and Associate Professor (Ouachita Baptist University) in Teacher Education...and most recently as a mom to 5 year old twins. My training includes a B.A. in Sociology from Ouachita Baptist University, a M.S.E. in Elementary Education and Reading from Texas Wesleyan University, and an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas. Current certification in Brain-based Teaching and Learning through Jensen Learning Corp. allows me to stay updated on brain research and applications, and continues to reinforce what I believe 100%, that 'every difference is a gift.'"

Register Today!

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Little Rock, Arkansas

Sponsorships Available!

Program ads and booths are available; reservations are due **Friday, July 23**. Contact Sue Tull at 501-765-0837 or suetull@aol.com or visit ldarkansas.org for more information. We look forward to seeing you!

Accommodations

The DoubleTree Hotel Little Rock is offering LDAA conference participants a special rate of \$99/night Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18.

Cost

\$100 for professionals (earn CEU's!)

\$75 for parents

Lunch is included

Payments must be made by check. Please submit the form below, with payment, to Sue Tull at the following address by Friday, Sept. 10. Space is limited and will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Please make checks payable to LDAA.

Sue Tull

6737 Waverly Dr.

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Directions

From I-30

Take the Cantrell/Clinton Avenue exit, then take the Clinton Avenue/Markham Street exit when the exit splits. Take the Markham St./Convention Center exit ramp next. Head west (straight) along 2nd Street. Turn right onto Center Street and left onto Markham Street. The hotel will be on your right.

From I-630

Take the Center/Main Streets exit. Take a left onto Center Street. Follow Center until the end of the road, where it intersects with Markham Street. Take a left onto Markham Street. The hotel will be on your right.

PARKING is available in the adjacent parking deck for a fee.

Name:		Title:	
Organization:		E-mail Address:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Lunch Preference: (Circle One)	Grilled Chicken Sandwich	Smoked Turkey Sandwich	Italian Ciabatta Sandwich (Sliced ham, pastrami, and salami)