

## Dyslexia Corner

**October is National Dyslexia Month** and there are some great resources available for speech and hearing professionals!

- The **NJ Dyslexia Handbook** is here! While it was developed in coordination with the Department of Education for distribution to school districts and educational professionals, it is available for anyone who is are interested in reading disabilities and dyslexia. A link is available on the NJSHA website. Please share this information with other professionals and with parents!  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/dyslexia/NJDyslexiaHandbook.pdf>
- There are **free dyslexia webinars** available on the NJ DOE website that will fulfill the requirements for the annual 2-hour dyslexia training for school-based speech-language specialists, required by law. A link is also on the NJSHA website.  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/dyslexia/pd.shtml>
- There is a **“Dear Colleague” letter** from the US Department of Education (10/23/2015) that offers some guidelines regarding use of the term “dyslexia” (and dyscalculia and dysgraphia) in evaluation reports, eligibility determinations, and within the IEP document. There is also information about MTSS (RTI) and assessment and the responsibility of public schools to “identify” students with these learning disabilities. The link to this letter is on the NJSHA website.  
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/guidance-on-dyslexia-10-2015.pdf>

NJSHA has been awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award from the New Jersey International Dyslexia Organization. <https://nj.dyslexiaida.org/>