



# The State of Reading & Dyslexia in Maryland

Thursday, February 2, 2017 ~ Room 180 ~ Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland

- 8:00 - 9:00am Community Partner Open House
- 8:00am Room Sponsor Welcome, Delegate Al Carr, Montgomery County
- 9:00 - 9:20am Lisa Blottenberger: [Decoding Dyslexia Maryland](#): **The Science of Reading: How to Help Struggling Readers Thrive!**
- 9:20 - 9:35am Dr. Joan Mele-McCarthy: Chair, Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Dyslexia Education Program in Maryland: **Task Force Findings & Recommendations**
- 9:35 - 9:45am Delegate Anne Kaiser: Chair, House Ways & Means Committee, D-Montgomery **What Legislators Need to Know About Dyslexia & Reading**
- 9:45 - 10:00am Marcella Franczkowski: Assistant State Superintendent, Special Education & Early Intervention Services, MSDE: **Newly Released Technical Assistance Bulletin Drives Identification and Instruction for Students with Disabilities & Dyslexia**
- 10:00 - 10:10am Susie Fowler: Director of Special Education, St. Mary's County: **Practical Advice on How to Implement the Dyslexia Technical Assistance Bulletin**
- 10:10 - 10:20am Rick Smith, CEO, International Dyslexia Association: **How Revisions to University Accreditation on Reading will Improve Student Learning**
- 10:20 - 10:30am Laura Schultz: Decoding Dyslexia Maryland: **How to be an ACT-vocate for Dyslexia**
- 10:30 - 11:45am **BREAK** -- Pre-scheduled individual/group legislator meetings

12:00 - 1:00pm **Lunch & Panel Discussion**  
**~Reading & Dyslexia Policy Solutions~**

**PANELISTS** -- Moderator: Karleen Spitulnik, Decoding Dyslexia MD, State Leader

- > Dayne Guest, Recent Graduate, Baltimore County Public Schools: **What I Needed from my School**
- > Ella Jane Miller, 7th grade student, Earle B. Woods Middle School in Rockville: **What I Need for School Success**
- > Amy Siracusano, MS, Ed., Maryland Teacher, Literacy Coach, Higher Education Adjunct: **What Teachers Need to Know about Reading and Dyslexia**
- > Monica McHale-Small, Superintendent, Saucon Valley School District, PA & Dr. Fran Warkomski, Dyslexia Pilot Coordinator, PA Dept. of Ed: **Creating and Sustaining Reading Achievement Through Teacher Training**
- > Delegate Anne Kaiser, Chair, House Ways & Means Committee: **Next Steps for Reading and Dyslexia Policy**