

DYSLEXIA IN VIRGINIA

We've only scratched the surface



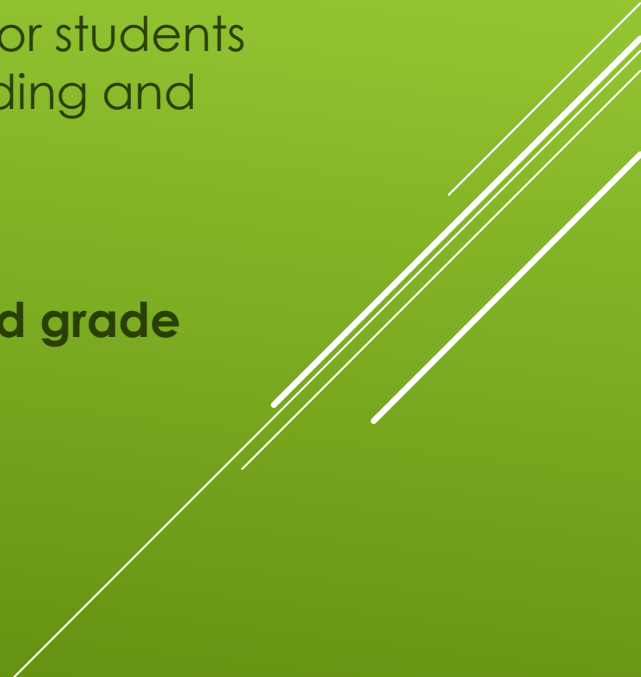


14% of U.S. adults can't read.

NATIONWIDE

- 32 million adults in the U.S. can't read.
- 21% of adults in the U.S. read **below** a 5th grade level.
- 19% of high school graduates can't read.

PRICE OF THE STATUS QUO...

- Nationwide, **85%** of court-involved youth are functionally illiterate.
 - **75%** of welfare recipients fail to read.
 - *Virginia ranks **34th** for graduation rates with regular diplomas for students with specific learning disabilities (those who struggle with reading and writing, not intellectual abilities).*
 - 57% of Virginia's 4th graders are **not** proficient readers.
 - Kids who aren't successfully reading at grade level by the **third grade** are 4 times **less likely** to finish high school.
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THE LINK BETWEEN ACADEMIC FAILURE AND
DELINQUENCY, VIOLENCE, AND CRIME IS WELDED
TO **READING FAILURE.**

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- THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE





EARLY SCREENING



RESEARCH-PROVEN PROGRAMS

Structured Literacy

- Explicit Instruction
- Systematic & Cumulative
- Diagnostic & Multisensory
- Certified Instructors
- Applied with Fidelity



ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

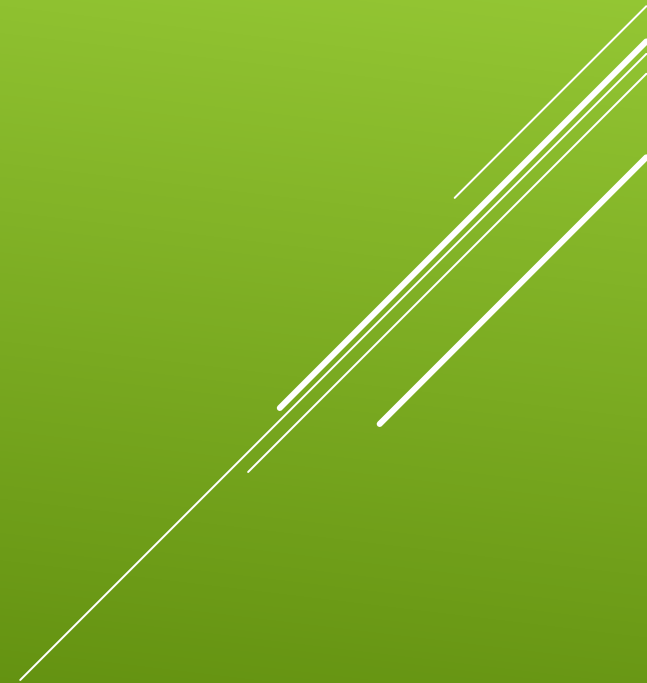
Provides access to the curriculum:

- Read-aloud worksheets & audio books
- Digital, customizable text makes eye reading easier
- Text-to-speech, speech-to-text, word prediction



Unique MIND strengths result from different neurological wiring in dyslexics.

CHANGE OF PERSPECTIVE





DYSLEXIA IN VIRGINIA: NEXT STEPS

1. Early Screening
2. Structured Literacy
3. Assistive Technology

