



Call for Proposals

ONBIDA 2020

Literacy and Learning Conference

Unlocking Potential

Saturday April 25th, 2020

Ontario Science Center, Toronto, Ontario

Proposal Submission Deadline

August 30th, 2019

“Unlocking Potential” for dyslexic students requires finding the keys to both literacy and self-esteem. For many students, early literacy struggles cause lasting negative impacts on self-esteem and confidence. Through structured literacy instruction these students can overcome the literacy challenges, however it is equally important to address the social-emotional impacts of dyslexia.

Breakout sessions will be divided into two streams, one stream will focus on literacy instruction and the other stream will address the social-emotional aspects of dyslexia.

Suggested Topics:

Literacy Stream

- Implementing Structured Literacy
- Aspects of Structured Literacy (ie: Morphology, Fluency)
- Reading Assessments
- Screening

Social-Emotional Stream:

- Advocacy
- Dyslexia and Mental Health
- Identity and self-awareness
- Building on Strengths

Speaking Guidelines

We welcome all proposals, however to be considered as an ONBIDA Literacy and Learning Conference speaker, your presentation must be focused on educational solutions for dyslexic learners, those who struggle with reading and writing, or educators and professionals providing solutions that meet the IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading (KPS).

All presentations should relate to the conference theme “Unlocking Potential”. In addition, all material should be original; otherwise, sources should be referenced. Break-out sessions are 90 minutes in length. Please plan for a brief question and answer period within the time limit. Presentations should not consist of more than three speakers, including the moderator. For multiple speakers, each speaker must agree to this submission.

While we understand partnering with ONBIDA can provide exposure for you or your organization, we ask that all presenters keep in mind that NO marketing or self-promotion should occur during the presentation. Sessions must be educational and informational in content and should not be sales presentations. If you wish to promote your company or product, we encourage you to register as an exhibitor and promote your product, service or solution at your booth in the exhibitor’s hall.

Submission Requirements

All submissions must include the following:

- Presentation Title
- Speaker Details: Name, credentials and professional affiliations
- Presentation Abstract – A short abstract that can be printed in the conference program, no more than 200 words.
- Presentation Outline – no more than 1000 words

Please submit proposals by email to conference@ldaontario.com no later than August 30th, 2019.

Please note: ONBIDA does not provide payment for breakout session speakers, however a small honorarium is provided to offset expenses.