



CHILDREN'S DYSLEXIA CENTERS OF NJ

A Scottish Rite Masonic Charity

301 Division Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604

Dear Parent:

This letter acknowledges your interest in having your child admitted to one of the 32° Masonic Children's Learning Centers of New Jersey. These Centers provide Orton-Gillingham instruction to children who have "dyslexia," a type of learning disability in which children experience particular difficulty with reading. Children are instructed, one on one, twice each week at the Centers by individuals who are typically already certified teachers, and who are in training, under supervision, to teach the Orton-Gillingham approach. For that reason and because our program must focus on using our resources for the many children who need our services, we must tell you from the start that we are unable to participate in communication with your child's school. Also, Corporate policy restricts communication with our tutors.

The Centers admit children with dyslexia, ranging in ages six to eighteen who read below grade level and have particular difficulty in reading and spelling. Eligibility for the program is based on factors such as the child's diagnosis, I.Q., reading level, and personal history.

Regrettably the demand for our services far exceeds our ability to meet the need and the waiting time at our centers is approximately 8-12 months. Space is extremely limited and although we do our very best to find a place for all children on our waiting list, we are not always able to do so.

To apply, please complete and return the enclosed Application and Additional Information Form, and submit evaluations done by either the Child Study Team or an independent diagnostician. These are required to help us determine whether this program is appropriate for your child.

As soon as we have received all required materials, our professional staff will review your application paying particular attention to whether the format and design of our program would be a good match for your child's needs. Should it be determined that our Orton-Gillingham instructional program would not meet your child's learning requirements, you will be advised accordingly. Otherwise, you will be notified that your child has been placed on the waiting list for the Center of your choice.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please call Joey Dobbs at (201) 288-1183. Phone in hours are Tuesday and Thursday 11-5. You can also fax us at 201 288-7532 or email us at MasonicLearningCenters@verizon.net

Sincerely,
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