

Starting the school year off on the right foot — how to help children with LDs transition back into school

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Guest speakers: Dr. John McNamara & Hilary Scruton (Brock University)

Transitioning back to school is a challenge for all students and can be particularly challenging for children with learning disabilities. This webinar will cover important topics related to supporting children with LDs and their transition back to school. The webinar will deal with two broad categories of transition. First, the webinar will deal with supporting children with LDs transition back to school after the summer months. Important considerations here include the potential summer learning loss that often affects children with LDs, adopting new learning strategies, keeping ahead of the curve with reading, and working with new teachers and new expectations. The second part of the webinar will deal with supporting children with LDs as they transition from elementary or middle school into secondary school. Topics here will include supporting children to develop self-advocacy skills, working within a rotary system, dealing with increased risk-taking, managing new peer groups, keeping a healthy self-esteem, becoming an effective self-regulated learner, and looking beyond high school.



About the speakers

Dr. John McNamara

Dr. John McNamara is a Professor in Child and Youth Studies at Brock University. He is also the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara. John's research centres around literacy interventions for children with reading disabilities. John has won numerous teaching awards including the Brock University Award for Teaching Excellence.

Hilary Scruton

Hilary Scruton is a Graduate Researcher in Child and Youth Studies at Brock University. Her research centres around supporting young vulnerable readers. Hilary facilitates a number of programs offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara. Hilary also publishes in peer-reviewed journals and presents at local and international conferences on learning disabilities.



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