

## 2009-2010 Program

### Thursday, December 3: The Myths and Mystique of ADHD

Presented by: Dr. Rick Solomon

This workshop will demystify ADHD and help parents and teachers develop a realistic understanding of the term and how ADHD manifests itself at home, in the community and in the classroom. A variety of intervention methods will be explored including behavioral, environmental, and pharmacological treatments. Rick will also explore some of the special talents that people with ADHD possess and the importance of developing those strengths as well as remediating the weaknesses in children.

**Rick Solomon**, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist, School Psychologist, Founding Partner / Clinical Director of Delta Consultants, Inc. Rick consults to numerous schools and agencies in RI and MA; he also frequently presents at regional and national workshops and conferences. Rick teaches Psychology at the University of Rhode Island, Providence Campus.

### Tuesday, February 2: An Introduction to Brain Gym

Presented by Nancy Sherman

Brain Gym is an easy, fun learning readiness tool. People with learning disabilities frequently experience dramatic improvements when integrating the activities, but BG is for everyone and all ages! Learn simple exercises that you and your children / students can use immediately to activate the whole brain and enable individuals to reach their full potential. For more information, go to [www.braingym.org](http://www.braingym.org)

**Nancy Sherman** M.Ed, Music Teacher, Chariho School District. Nancy is a certified music teacher and special education teacher who earned Brain Gym certification in 2001. Prior to her work with Chariho, she was the Humanities Coordinator at Harmony Hill School.

### Monday, March 8: Using the Internet Safely: A Guide for Parents and Educators

Presented by: Dr. Larry Filippelli

This program will provide information to parents, school teachers and school administrators interested in protecting their children and students from online predators. Specific instruction will focus on how predators target middle level aged students and what teachers, administrators, and parents can do to protect them. Participants will come away with templates and information to help foster positive conversations with children about online safety.

**Dr. Lawrence P. Filippelli** is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for the Scituate school department and is a past governing board member of RIMLE (Rhode Island Middle Level Educators). Dr Filippelli serves as an adjunct professor at Johnson & Wales University in their Graduate School as well as a special lecturer in technology strategic planning in the doctoral program in Educational Leadership. As president of The Education Consortium, Dr. Filippelli offers professional development, seminars and workshops on

educational technology, internet safety, and crisis response plan creation, implementation and evaluation.

### Wednesday, April 28: Exploring Orton-Gillingham for Older Struggling Readers

Presented by: Deb Foster

The average adolescent who is struggling with reading can memorize up to approximately a fifth grade reading level. This workshop will explain how to recognize signs of a student who is struggling because of a specific language learning disability and discuss Orton-Gillingham therapy as a research-based intervention strategy.

**Deb Foster**, M.Ed., Director of Orton-Gillingham Services at The Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (The Met). Deb is completing her final year of Fellow training with the Academy of Orton-Gillingham Educators and Practitioners and has taught the Associate and Certified Level Orton-Gillingham courses. She also serves as a literacy consultant for Big Picture Schools.



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School of Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: ( ) Teacher ( ) Parent ( ) Student

### Workshop Selections:

- 12/3: ADHD # \_\_\_\_
- 2/2: An Introduction to Brain Gym # \_\_\_\_
- 3/8: Internet Safety # \_\_\_\_
- 4/28: Struggling Adolescent Readers and OG # \_\_\_\_

#### For Beacon Parents / Teachers:

Register through Monica Bailey Daniels at 671-6261 x402 or  
[georgiabee\\_961@msn.com](mailto:georgiabee_961@msn.com)

#### For Other Parents / Teachers:

Register online at [www.dunninstitute.org](http://www.dunninstitute.org) (Registration) or  
return registration form and check (payable to the Dunn  
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## Woonsocket Workshop Series For Parents and Teachers

- Location:** Beacon Charter High School  
320 Main Street, Woonsocket
- Time:** 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- Cost:** \$10 per person per workshop  
Beacon Charter parents & educators - free
- Details:** Pre-registration required  
Minimum Participant Levels Needed
- 2 PDCs from RIDE available for participating  
educators