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Sarah Littlefield, CEO and owner of Townsend Learning Center, is starting to work with students again, after being the administrator of the center for over 30 years. Her passion is to help non-readers, including dyslexics. Using the Orton Gillingham structured language approach, she can teach children and adults who have experienced failure how to become independent readers. Sarah is certified to use the method by the Institute for Multisensory Education.



Sarah says,

"I have to say, in all my years of running Townsend Learning Center, my favorite activity was teaching people with severe problems how to read. The Orton Gillingham method is near and dear to my heart."

Sarah's company, Townsend Learning Center, was founded in 1969 specifically around the Orton Gillingham method. Sarah and her mother, Rose Jane Townsend, worked with severe dyslexics, and non-readers with other causes for their reading problems. Working individually in a tutorial setting, Sarah taught dozens of people how to decode and begin the process of becoming a reader. Her specialty is adolescent and adult readers

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The Orton Gillingham method is supported by scientific research. During the last two decades, scientists have come to learn that the nature of dyslexia is very complex. The difficulties observed in reading arise from a core deficit in phonological awareness, a skill that is needed to associate spoken words with written language. Dyslexics have difficulty sounding out words as well. Approximately 80 percent of children who have delayed language development go on to have reading, writing, and spelling deficits. Research studies also have identified differences in the processing of visual and auditory information in dyslexic readers. The Orton Gillingham method approaches these problems by teaching students to encode (spell) and decode (read) in a systematic, structured way that gives them lots of practice and confidence.

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