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Bridging Over Learning Disabilities

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LEARNING DIFFERENTLY

INTRODUCTION OF NEW INTERVENTION PROGRAMS



AMF provides interventions to the students facing learning difficulties through various standardised programs.

After collating the data obtained from teachers in school, parents & assessments results the resource teacher at AMF decides the intervention to be given.

Following intervention programs are conducted at AMF

A. EMPOWER READING PROGRAM: DECODING AND SPELLING, GR. 2 TO 5

'Empower' is an evidence based program. It mainly focuses on equipping children with various strategies which can be used for decoding, spelling and comprehension of the text in the English language.

The program is a result of 35 years of extensive research.

The program includes five strategies:

- 1. Sounding Out Strategy
- 2. Rhyming Strategy
- 3. Peeling Off Strategy
- 4. Vowel Alert Strategy
- 5. SPY Strategy

B. EMPOWER™ READING: COMPREHENSION AND VOCABULARY, GRADES 2 TO 5 EMPOWER™ READING

Comprehension and Vocabulary teaches students about text structure and concurrently introduces five reading comprehension strategies.



Along with this it also focuses on improving their vocabulary. In order to improve comprehension of students the program also includes different parts of speech like adjectives, adverbs, homophones, metaphors, idioms etc.

The five comprehension strategies, Predicting, Activating prior knowledge, Clarifying, Evaluating through questioning, and Summarizing (PACES), are organized using a Comprehension Game Plan that prompts students to self-monitor and evaluate their application of the strategies using specific dialogue.

Students become independent in making summary and notes of the read passage with the help of five comprehension strategies.

C. STUDY SKILLS



Study Skills are strategies and techniques that enable students to make the most efficient use of time, resources, and academic potential. The module is developed by AMF to address the needs of the students to excel in academic performance.

The program is useful for middle school age students manage their organization skills, homework and time effectively and to develop better study strategies which in turn will lead to increase the chances of being successful in studies.

FOR PROFESSIONALS

CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION (LEARNING DISABILITIES, AUTISM & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY)



There is a dire need to build capacity & skill of mainstream teachers to deal with children with special needs in a classroom where inclusive education is practised.

To address this need, Dr.
Anjali Morris Education &
Health Foundation & Sunderji's
Institutions in collaboration with
the Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth,
Pune have started a Certificate
Course for Skill Development in
Special Education in August 2017.

The first batch is completing the course soon and we hope others will also benefit.

The one-year course enables teachers to acquire knowledge, develop competencies & practice skills to help children with Learning Disabilities, Autism & Intellectual Disability.

Below mentioned are the course subjects

- Course 1 Introduction to Special Education
- Course 2 Developmental Psychology
- Course 3 Screening and Assessment
- Course 4 Interventions Part1
- Course 5 Intervention Part 2
- Course 6 Ancillary aspects related to disabilities

Eligibility

Graduates from Science & Arts stream, B.Ed. Graduates, Graduates from Home Science or Diploma in Child Psychology are eligible for this course.

Course commencement date July 2018

Location

Pune

Highlights of the course

- Evening batches
- Visits to special & inclusive schools
- Practical training for making teaching aids.

Advantages of the course

- Skill enhancement to deal with children with special needs.
- Better equipped to deal with parents of children with special needs.

To know more about the Certificate Course for Skill Development in Special Education, do contact us on: +91-73787 87914 +91-73787 87020 +91-20-2553 8157 (Ms Daya Joshi) spleducourse@gmail.com



AT AMF, IT IS NOT ONLY ABOUT CURRICULUM

BEATING THE HEAT AT THE SUMMER CAMP...
MOMENTS TO CHERISH...



AMF organizes various fun and learning activities for students who come for interventions yearly. From those activities, the most awaited is Summer Camp!

Every year, AMF organizes a camp for fun activities during the summer vacations for all the students associated at AMF. The parents also join in with great enthusiasm!

The primary aim of this camp is to serve as a platform for students to express their talent, build confidence and develop social skills.

This year the activities were based on art and craft, science, dance, music, drum circles and concluded with a puppet show.

The enthusiastic participation by the students made the summer camp a real success and memorable.





A SUCCESS STORY



DR. ANJALI MORRIS FOUNDATION — A GOLDEN TOUCH OF LOVE, A MENTOR, A LIFE SAVER & CHANGER.

Today as I look back at my 15 year old daughter, I cannot believe that, 3 years ago, as a 6th Standard student who was hugely struggling in academics, labelled as "Intellectually Impaired" by the Society, very low in self-esteem and confidence could successfully reach 9th std and be a gold medallist in State level Thai Boxing competition.



In November 2013, I visited the Anjali Morris Foundation with my daughter who struggled to read 4-5 letter words, poor writing and unable to do any math. The staff at AMF conducted some academic assessments and the first thing they confirmed to me was that my daughter was not "Intellectually Impaired" and only had skill deficit in reading, writing and math which could be improved by remedial education. This brought great relief to us. They requested my cooperation and patience in this long journey.

Since December 2013 till date my daughter showed huge improvement in learning concepts of reading, writing and math. Currently she is enrolled in the Empower reading program and shown drastic improvements. AMF guided us to get the certificate from Sassoon hospital which offers accommodations to children with Learning Disabilities. We are confident that with this she will successfully complete her tenth standard.

Team work, love and patience helped my daughter succeed and same will be for your children....

All it takes is a helping hand.....

Mrs. Smita Prashant Padale, India



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