

## **RICHARD D. LAVOIE, M.S., M.Ed.**

- EDUCATION:**
- B.S. in Special Education; State College at Fitchburg, MA (1972)
  - M.S. in Special Education; Assumption College, Worcester, MA (1975)
  - M.Ed. in Special Education Administration; Fordham University, New York City (1980)

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- 1972-1974 • Special Education Teacher; Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA
- 1974-1975 • Educational Supervisor; Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA
- 1975-1987 • Director of Educational Services; Eagle Hill School, Greenwich, CT
- 1985-1990 • Adjunct Associate Professor; Department of Special Education; Manhattanville College
- 1987-1990 • Director, Eagle Hill - OUTREACH
- 1990-1998 • Executive Director; Riverview School, East Sandwich, MA
- 1998-2001 • President, Riverview School, East Sandwich, MA
- 2001-Present • Educational Consultant, Visiting Professor, Simmons College, Boston, MA

**CONSULTING:** Provided consulting services related to Learning Disabilities and Special Education to many organizations and agencies including:

- 400+ school systems in 42 states
- National Center for Learning Disabilities
- Canadian Association for the Learning Disabled
- President's Commission on Rights of the Disabled
- Phi Delta Kappa
- Family Circle Magazine
- Chase Manhattan Bank
- Alabama Rehabilitation Commission
- Alternative Road to Teaching Institute
- Public Broadcasting System
- Yale-New Haven Hospital
- Girl Scouts of America, Inc.
- CBS News
- "I Have a Dream" Foundation
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Atlanta Speech School
- KMOX Radio, St. Louis
- National Tuberosus Sclerosis Association
- International Monterssori Association
- Ford Motor Company
- Dyslexia Awareness Foundation
- Schools Attuned
- Council on Youth and Drugs
- LinguiSystems, Inc.
- Child Magazine
- New York Times
- Office of the Governor of South Carolina
- Secondary School Admissions Board
- Connecticut Education Association
- Reading, Inc.
- Channel One
- ABC News
- Syracuse University
- Twenty state chapters LDA
- Walt Disney Studios
- WGBH Television
- MTV
- National Literacy Volunteers
- National Association for Continuing Education
- William Syndrome Association
- Orton Society
- I-Donline
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Etta Israel Center
- Charles/Helen Schwab Foundation
- Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities
- Ennis Cosby Foundation

- MEDIA:**
- National Television appearances on ABC News, CBS Morning Program, Channel One and Good Morning America
  - Contributed to articles and series in "Child Magazine", "Family Circle", "New York Times", "Their World"
  - Authored articles published in "Learning Disabilities Journal", "Their World", "Parents Together"
  - Served as Executive Producer and talent for the award winning videos:
    - "How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop" (1989)
    - "Last One Picked First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities" (1994)
    - "When the Chips Are Down: Behavior Management and the Learning Disabled Child" (1996)
  - Received Golden Apple Award; National Association of Educational Media; 1991 and 1996
  - Featured in PBS Documentary Misunderstood Minds (2002)

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### **HONORS/AWARDS:**

- White House Citation (1990) for efforts on behalf of Learning Disabled
- Nominated, Esquire Magazine, "Outstanding Young Men of 1987"
- Nominated, elected, Learning Disabilities Association "Hall of Fame" (1990)
- Nominated, elected, Professional Advisory Board, Learning Disabilities Association of America (1993)
- Guest Lecturer at several universities, including:
  - University of Kansas
  - Harvard University
  - University of New Mexico
  - University of Louisiana
  - Sacred Heart University
  - College of New Rochelle
  - University of Utah
  - University of Saskatchewan
  - College of the Nazareth
  - Gallaudet University
  - University of Pennsylvania
  - Union College
  - Yale University
  - University of Tennessee
  - Syracuse University
  - Rutgers University
  - Stanford University
  - Fordham University
  - University of Delaware
- President, Connecticut Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (1987 - 1989)
- Nominated, elected, Who's Who in American Education; 1990, 1992
- Board of Directors, Learning Disabilities Association of Massachusetts; (1993 - 1995)

### **SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Opening Keynote; Gallaudet University Language Disorder Conference (1998)
- Opening Keynote; Williams Syndrome Association Conference (1999)
- Opening Keynote; International Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Salt Lake City (1997)
- Opening Keynote; International Conference on the Exceptional Child (1989)
- Opening Keynote; International Conference of Learning Disabilities Association (1990 and 1995)
- Opening Keynote; International Conference of Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD) (1993 and 1998)
- President's Banquet Address; International Conference of Learning Disabilities Association (1991, 1999)
- Opening Keynote; Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (1987 and 1990)
- Keynote, National Language Conference; (1988, 1993 and 2000)
- Keynote-, Harvard University, Learning Disorders Conference (1995 and 1998)
- Over 2500 Keynotes and workshops to schools, institutions and agencies throughout North America.