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Association of Kingston

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Fall Workshop Day

Saturday October 24, 2015

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Location: St. Lawrence College, Kingston

Assistive Technology: The Tools To Support Students With Learning Disabilities In Their Academic Journey

Presenter: Dr. Todd Cunningham, C.Psych., Clinical and School Psychologist,
University of Toronto

Workshop Description

Assistive Technology includes a range of tools that can be used to help students with learning disabilities circumvent areas of weakness and access the regular curriculum. However, Assistive Technology is not a miracle cure. As the saying goes, one needs the right tool for the job, and one needs to learn how to use that tool effectively.

After years of working with students, parents, and educators, and as a user of the technology himself, Todd Cunningham has encountered the barriers that exist when using Assistive Technology. One of the primary challenges is the selection of the right Assistive Technology for the student. In addition to demonstrating a range of Assistive Technology, a method for matching these tools to the unique learning profiles of students will be taught. This method of matching the learning needs of students with the technology takes into consideration the characteristics of the learning environment and the objectives of the curriculum.

A variety of learning strategies that support the effective use of Assistive Technology for academic purposes will be demonstrated and linked to specific technologies. Time will be provided for participants to share their own experiences and challenges with Assistive Technology, and for a question and answer period.

This workshop will be of interest to parents, students, educators, and other professionals who work with students with learning disabilities.

Topics for the Day:

- Learn Differently
- Assistive Technology Tool Selection Protocol
- Assistive Technology for Reading, Writing, and Note Taking
- Lunch Break
- Assistive Technology for Organization and Mathematics
- Conclusions [Future of Assistive Technology] Question and Answers

Bio: Todd Cunningham



With his engaging presentation style, weaving together research, compelling stories, and humour, Dr. Todd Cunningham has empowered thousands of educators to optimize the learning of individuals who learn differently in their classrooms. Dr. Cunningham is a clinical and school psychologist registered in Ontario. He is on faculty at the University of Toronto and provides psychological services. He completed his Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Psychology Department at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and obtained his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Toronto. His innovative research investigates the integration of assistive technology and learning strategies for children with learning difficulties due to a variety of reasons.

A sought after public speaker and consultant, Dr. Cunningham has shared his expertise with parents, students, educators, school boards, and other professionals across Canada. In addition to hundreds of workshops, Dr. Cunningham has guest lectured at universities, given keynote addresses, presented at educational and research conferences, and appeared on CBC several times. Dr. Cunningham was recently awarded a Bell “Let’s Talk” mental health grant to provide academic intervention support to northern Ontario communities through tele-psychology. He is the proud father of TWO bright, beautiful, and absolutely delightful girls.

Dr. Todd Cunningham, C.Psych., Clinical and School Psychologist, University of Toronto

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