

Rick Lavoie will present afternoon and evening seminars on **February 13, 2019**. Lavoie has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He holds three degrees in Special Education.



AFTERNOON SEMINAR (1:30-3:00 P.M.): Current research confirms that most children who struggle with learning also face challenges with social skills and interactions. These students are often isolated and rejected by peers. This solitude results in damage to self esteem, motivation and academic performance.

This seminar, based on Rick's thirty five years leading residential programs, will demystify the social problems that rejected students experience and will offer field-tested strategies that educational professionals can use to assist these students. [Click here](#) to register for the afternoon session.

EVENING SEMINAR (6:30-8:15 P.M.): The average child in a Texas school spends approximately 1,080 hours in the classroom. This represents merely 4% of his waking hours. The overwhelmingly majority of his time is spent in SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS...the school bus, soccer practice, birthday parties and Sunday dinner at Grandma's. These social situations present a tremendous challenge for children with learning disorders.

This seminar will provide parents, teachers and professionals with information that demystifies the reasons why kids with LD struggle with social interactions. We will also discuss and demonstrate strategies that parents can use to improve the child's "standing" with peers, siblings and adults. [Click here](#) to register for the evening session.



Maryanne Wolf will present "**The Future of the Reading Brain in An Increasingly Digital World**" on **October 2, 2019**. Wolf is the director of UCLA's Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners & Social Justice.