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IRLEN SYNDROME TRAINING WORKSHOP
FOR CERTIFICATION IN SCREENING FOR IRLLEN SYNDROME/SCOTOPIC
SENSITIVITY

Austin, Texas Trainings 2023

_____Jan 27th/28th _____March 31st/April 1st _____June 8th/9th _____Sept 29th/30th

FOR: Educators
Diagnosticians
Reading Specialists Psychologists
Teachers
Special Education Personnel School Counselors
Occupational & Speech Therapists

FEES: \$525 Includes:
* All Materials (see page 2)
*Certified Training
*Supervised Practicum Experience
*Intervention strategies for Dyslexia, ADHD,
Autism, Behavioral Disorders and STAAR
*Professional Development Credits for LPCs and
Other Disciplines

NAME: _____ DEGREE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE (home): _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

EMAIL: _____

EMPLOYER: _____ POSITION: _____

Application, resume, and fee of **\$525** for registration and materials **MUST** be received **FOUR WEEKS PRIOR** to the workshop. Purchase orders are also acceptable. The Irlen Institute requires this amount of time to prepare training kits. Late registrations are welcome but may incur a late fee of \$45.00. If you must cancel before the training date, fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**, but may be applied toward a later workshop. Screeners enrolling to re-certify can do so for only **\$100**. Please bring your materials. Those who were trained prior to 2010 must purchase a new screening manual (**\$75.00**).

To register for the training, submit a completed application form, a professional resume and training fee or purchase order. If you are not accepted for the training workshop, the entire fee will be returned.

PAYMENT: (\$525 training/materials only, \$100 re-certify, \$175 re-certify & manual (please circle appropriate category). If training virtually \$35 Shipping Fee will be added to order PLUS a \$75 charge for a one-hour individual supervision session (\$635 total).

_____ Check enclosed Payable To: Laura Ward Woelfel, MA, LPC-S

_____ Please invoice me so I can pay online with my credit card

_____ Will be paying by Purchase Order

Optional: **Start up Kits**, containing an extra 4 overlays per color (total 40 overlays), 25 test protocols, and other items to control lighting environments are available for **\$180.00**. Please check below if you would like for us to order a kit for you.

_____ YES (Include \$180 with payment) _____ NO THANKS

Irlen Syndrome or Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome (SSS) is a sensitivity to light that can significantly interfere with reading and writing activities. It can lower test scores and impair a person's ability to function in school and work situations. It can co-exist with dyslexia, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, autism, and some emotional behavioral, or oral disturbances. Irlen Syndrome/SSS cannot be diagnosed using standard educational, psychoeducational, or speech and language tests. Fortunately, this syndrome is quite easy to diagnose and treat.

How do you screen for Irlen Syndrome?

The Irlen Screening Process is efficient and economical. The testing and remediation can be administered individually in 30-60 minutes, and results are immediately known. Irlen testing can be administered alone or as a part of a test battery. The Irlen Method is currently being used in schools throughout the world as well as in clinic and private practice settings.

How do you become trained to administer the Irlen Screening Test?

To become a Certified Irlen Screener, you must participate in a two-day workshop with a Certified Irlen Trainer. Irlen trainings are 12 hours. To minimize screen time you will be mailed you the training manual ahead of time. You will be asked to read it and watch some YouTube videos then submit 5 questions all before we begin on the first day. This "homework" will count for 3 hours. Day 1 is 6 hours with a 45 min lunch break (usually 9 am – 4pm). Day 2 is two hours (usually 9 am to 11 am) and covers a review and question/answer session. After being dismissed as a group, each participant will screen an actual client with Laura's supervision either in person or via Zoom. This individual session does not have to be completed on Day 2 and can be scheduled with Laura individually. **You will not be officially trained as an Irlen Screener until you complete this individual session.** Certification as an Irlen Screener does not permit you to train others as Irlen Screeners.

Who qualifies to be trained to screen for Irlen Syndrome?

Educators, Reading Specialists, Special Education Specialists, School nurses, Psychologists, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapist, Counselors, Teachers, and Diagnosticians can qualify to be trained as Irlen Screeners. Certain other professionals may also qualify on a limited basis. To register for the training, submit a completed application form, a professional resume (teacher certification or professional license) and training fee or purchase order. If you are not accepted for the training workshop, the entire fee will be returned.

What are the costs?

Option I: \$525 per person includes training, practicum, Training Manual, Instructional Manual, Test Manual, Ten Record Forms, Client Intake Form, and one magnifying bar and Four sets of each of the 10 Irlen Overlay colors. If training virtually, an additional \$75 fee will be added for a one-hour individual consultation where Laura Woelfel will supervise you in a screening.

Option II: In District training at your school site - Consultant fee: \$3,000.00 plus \$225.00 (plus postage) per person materials fee maximum of 15 people. More than 15: \$150.00 per person.

Optional: Start Up Kit: Four sets of 10 overlays (40 total), 25 Test Records, Informational CD: \$180.00 per kit.

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About Your Trainer:

Laura Ward Woelfel (Woof-L) is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Supervisor and a Certified Irlen Director. She holds an undergraduate degree in Child Development from the University of Texas at Austin (1993), a Master of Arts in Human Services from St. Edward's University (1995) and is currently working on her dissertation for her Doctorate in Education in Reading and Literacy from Capella University. She finished all her classes for her EdD but as she began her Capstone research project COVID-19 hit. Sadly, she lost her entire study and is uncertain as to when she may proceed with a new school and research project.

Laura has been in private practice as an LPC since 1996 and has been contracted with many organizations including Child Protective Services and the US Military. She is a licensed LPC Supervisor and is licensed to provide continuing education credits to her attendees if needed.

Laura was a struggling reader growing up. Her parents took her to numerous reading programs, tutors, and other specialists. No one could give a clear answer to what Laura's reading issues were. Her parents were told "Well, she is probably mildly dyslexic or mildly ADHD (the inattentive type)." Laura's mother, who was a schoolteacher, knew Laura was not dumb and so she worked with Laura and made her stay in honors classes in high school. Laura hated honors Language Arts. She always felt she was the dumbest in the class and it seemed to take her much longer than others to get her work done. Laura did make it into UT (when they used to take the automatic top 25% of the class) but once she was there, she did not read a textbook. Laura relied on her listening skills. She would say, "As long as I went to class and listened and took notes I passed."

In her 5th year of college, Laura had a roommate with blue colored lenses. That is when she first heard about Irlen Syndrome (in 1991). Her roommate was from Plano, Texas, and her roommate's mother was a reading specialist in the Garland school district and an Irlen Screener. Laura went to Plano one weekend where her roommate's mother "screened" her. She got a Yellow Irlen Overlay and was amazed how easy it was to read. When Laura told her mother, her mother immediately searched for an Irlen Diagnostician, so Laura could get the Irlen Filters worn as glasses. At age 21, Laura was down in the dumps. She had a 2.3 GPA, was not happy with her future career choices, and had extremely low self-esteem. Laura had taken the GRE for graduate school and did "OK" but because of her low GPA no school would look at her. Laura took the GRE a second time six weeks later WITH wearing her Irlen Filters. Her scores dramatically improved (and she reported she did not study any more for the test during those six weeks) when wearing her Irlen Filters. Laura got accepted into graduate school at St. Edward's University on probation. After her first semester going to school and wearing her Irlen Filters she had a 4.0. She had NEVER done that before. Laura says, "The Irlen Method changed my life dramatically. I would have never been able to do what I did or do today without my Irlen Filters. I am just sad I did not get the help I needed at an earlier age."

Laura became an Irlen Screener in 1995 and began to work for Edward Scholwinski, Ph.D. and helped him with psycho-educational evaluations. Dr. Scholwinski was an associate professor in the graduate school of School Psychology at Texas State University. Dr. Scholwinski was impressed with the Irlen Method and had Laura implement an Irlen screening at the beginning of each psycho-educational assessments in the practice. He also had her present to his students every semester on Irlen Syndrome to help promote awareness. Laura was invited to work for Carol Zuccone, Ed.D. in her Houston and Austin Irlen Clinics in 2007. Dr. Zuccone trained Laura to be a Certified Irlen Diagnostician. Laura worked for and with Dr. Zuccone for ten years, also learning how to be an Irlen Screening trainer. As of 2017, Laura has had her own Irlen Clinic in Austin, Texas.