

## **ENHANCED LATERALIZATION**

- Ms.Crawford is a private dyslexia tutor who uses the enhanced lateralization technique with her students. This is part of the Reading From Scratch curriculum. Dyslexia is a learning disorder that could occur due to information entering the right side of the brain instead of the left side for processing. This could cause sluggish reading, spelling and writing capabilities. The enhanced lateralization method forces new information learned into the right ear for processing on the left side, as the left hemisphere is responsible for processing and learning. Information “criss-crosses” in the brain, ie, if you want something to go into the left hemisphere, you have to feed it into the right side of the head and vice versa.
- In order to do this, the therapist will let the student listen to music in the left ear and block any sound from entering it. This will make all the information enter the right ear and therefore enter the left hemisphere of the brain for processing. This is a VERY NEW technique, but it has been proven to work. Find a therapist using EL near you.

## **IMPLEMENTATIONS OF ENHANCED LATERALIZATION(EL)**

### **A. HELP FOR PARENTS**

- EL teaches dyslexic students to think ‘normally’ rather than teaching the material differently. It also takes a significantly less amount of time to show progress than the school’s treatment methods. The best evidence for this is Mrs. Crawford own experience teaching students with the EL technique. She said what normally took her a few years was completed within a year. This aspect of shortening the time needed to learn and improve reading skills will also help reduce the cost of treatment for parents seeking treatment outside of the school. In other words, if a parent in Texas or another state could not get the help they needed and is trying

to find a relatively cheap outside source for material for instruction, the Reading From Scratch program's enhanced lateralization method would be a very good option.

- It is not only due to the significant decrease in the amount of time needed to show progress, but the accessibility of the material for parents. This will greatly help parents themselves provide daily assistance and tutoring for their child without having to heavily rely on outside tutors or a change in the district's programs. The Reading from Scratch program itself was designed for parents themselves to use and will be effective if they use it EVERYDAY WITH KIDS and follow the steps accurately.