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WITH SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS**

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NAASLN Membership News & Views is an outgrowth of the NAASLN Vision to offer our members a centralized hub of information, professional development, technical assistance, communication on issues and trends, and advocacy initiatives on behalf of adults with special learning needs.

In this issue, we spotlight the labeling of LD and ESOL learners in an article “What’s In A Label,” by Robin L. Schwarz, plus a related web site. If you have more thoughts on this subject, please submit your comments for next month’s News & Views issue.

November 12 -15 is fast approaching, but you and your associates still have time to register and attend the NAASLN Conference, in Denver, Colorado. Do it now because September 30 will be your Last Chance to take advantage of the Early Bird Conference fees. Also don’t get left out in the cold! Make your hotel reservations now! Rooms are limited and filling up fast. See below for conference highlights and visit our web site for the complete schedule

Help us GET OUT THE WORD!

You can cut and past all or part of the NAASLN 2005 Conference Update section into E-mails to your friends, associates and Listservs.

Joan Hudson-Miller  
NAASLN President

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Event Highlights:

NAASLN 2005 Conference Update:

Whether or not you will be able to attend, as a NAASLN member, we are sure that you want to help us spread the word.

So please cut and paste all or part of this piece into an E-mail, along with a personal note from you about why you think your colleagues should take the time and make the effort to come to this conference and how it will make a difference for their program and professional development. And don't forget to send the attachment: NAASLN'05confRegistrationBrochure Thanks, Joan Hudson-Miller, President)

Location: Hyatt Regency Denver Downtown -Special conference rate (\$112.00 per night for 1-4 persons) is effective Nov. 11-15, 2005 and must be made by October 10. To reserve on line, go to the NAASN web site, hotel information page or call the Grand Hyatt at 1-303-295-1234.

Dates: November 12 Pre-conference; Nov 13 – 15 Conference

For all the details and forms: Download the 8-Page Conference Brochure NAASLN'05confRegistrationBrochure or visit our website: <http://www.naasln.org>.

You won't want to miss one minute of this unique event. The conference is really shaping up – the exhibitors are all on board; 3 pre-conference sessions zero in on specific topics; and 65+ incredible conference sessions are all laid out. Here's a sampling of what you will find.

NAASLN's Pre-Conference includes:

1. An interactive session with NAEPCD, State Directors of Adult Basic and Literacy Education, on establishing state policies, professional development, and evidence-based practices for serving persons with specific learning needs.
2. ESOL Challenging Learners - is it LD or What? hosted by Robin Schwarz ) See WHAT'S IN A LABEL? below.
3. Supportive techniques for LD ...Beyond the Classroom, (Dr. Arlyn Roffman) and Supporting Persons with LD, ADD, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Challenges in the Workforce (Ron Hume).

Out of the eight tracks of 65+ INCREDIBLE sessions, it will be hard to choose. What's your area of interest? 1) ESOL and Cultural Differences, 2) Youth and Adult Corrections, 3) Employment, 4) Test Accommodations, 5) Technology, 6) At-Risk Youth Transition Programs, 7) Systemic Program Shifts, and 8) Multiple Specific Learning Needs.

What a selection! From the latest on brain research (Rewiring the Brain, Brain Functioning, and How Emotions are Central to ALL Learning) to techniques for individuals who are math and reading challenged, to the best of programming for at-risk youth in transition, serving the special needs of TANF clients, the latest on screening and testing, special need learners in youth and adult corrections, updates on Bridges to Practice, special needs in the workforce, updates on technology, ESOL and special needs in varying cultures, test accommodations and the TABE, CASAS, GED....and MORE!

This year for the first time we will have Poster Sessions spotlighting programs from across the nation that are "walking the walk and talking the talk" ... programs that have implemented systemic changes to serve all persons who learn differently ... and have used these services to expand services, align with community partners, and expand resources!

There will be over 20 vendors, specializing in the most-up-to-date, research-based, technology and materials for special learning needs, will be at this year's conference.

Now you can see, this is a must attend affair. See you there!

Regularly visit the NAASLN web site ([www.naasln.org](http://www.naasln.org)) for the latest Conference highlights, registration information and downloadable forms.

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SPOTLIGHT TOPIC OF THE MONTH:

### WHAT'S IN A LABEL?

By Robin L. Schwarz M. Sp. Ed: LD, Partner, The TLP Group, Columbus, Ohio and NAASLN Board Member

What do YOU call the people in your program whose first language is not English or who are culturally different or both? Labels can make a big difference to the learners and the kind of instruction or materials they receive as well as to the programs they are in, whose success rates and other statistics may be impacted by labels.

Read the complete article on the NAASLN web site, or copy and paste into your browser: <http://www.naasln.org/pages/Articles.html>

See Web Site of the Month below for a related site

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Web Site of the Month: <http://ldlearningcenter.com> (LDA Minnesota)

Initially Robin Schwarz recommended this site because of an available book called "Taking Action", which she highly recommends. In addition, LDA Minnesota has created this excellent web site, full of great programs, services, news, information about learning disabilities, and products. Check out the complete site, but in particular go to:

[http://ldlearningcenter.com/programs/educational\\_products.html](http://ldlearningcenter.com/programs/educational_products.html), for TAKING ACTION: a resource guide for instructors serving ESL, adults with learning difficulties or learning disabilities. This is a resource guide that was developed to help answer the question "Can you diagnose ESL Learners with LD?"

Then, scroll down their Home Page and click on LEARN HOW YOU LEARN, LDA'S interactive, online presentation to help inform individuals with learning difficulties and learning disabilities what problems can prevent them from learning efficiently, what they can do about it and what they can ask from others. It's easy, fun and informative.

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### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NAASLN is devoted to enhancing the opportunities for life-long learning for adults with special learning needs by improving the efforts of adult educators working with these individuals in the full range of life-long learning programs, i.e., ABE, ESL, GED, volunteer-based and community-based literacy programs.

### Future Newsletter Submissions

Help us meet your needs. Recommend or submit an article, event announcements, book reviews, and web sites links

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