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October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month

Jackson, MS (9/22/17) – Did you know one in five, or 15-20% of the population is dyslexic? *“Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. Dyslexia is characterized by difficulties with accurate and / or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.”* Adopted by the IDA Board of Directors, November 12, 2002.

Mississippi Dyslexia Centers (MDC) are sharing spaces with the Mississippi Community Education Centers (MCEC) and Family Resource Centers (FRC) across the State. MDC, MCEC, and FRC are able to maximize the resources they can provide to parents, educators, and community members. Mississippi Community Education Center and Family Resource Center promote healthy families and communities by providing quality educational support services in a family based and child friendly environment. Through the Families First for Mississippi program, MCEC and FRC strengthen communities through educational outreach efforts including parenting classes, life skills workshops, and a variety of youth development topics.

Mississippi Dyslexia Centers offers therapy to individuals of all ages. In partnership with New Summit School, MDC offers therapy during the school day, after school, and also through virtual technology. Liz Wallace of Rawl Springs, MS states, *“Mississippi Dyslexia Centers has changed our lives! Five months ago our son struggled with even ten sight words. Now, he is reading to us! We love all the staff at MDC. They are caring and attentive and truly strive to see your child succeed. Thank you MDC, for all that you do for our children.”* MDC is dedicated to providing high-quality services that meets the needs of all learners.

Join us on February 2nd, 2018 for the 4th Annual Dyslexia Symposium at New Summit School in Jackson, MS. An all-day event featuring guest speakers, vendors, and informational breakout sessions. For more information, contact Kate Sistrunk at 601-326-6404.