

RICHARD D. LAVOIE, M.S., M.Ed. EDUCATION:

- B.S. in Special Education; State College at Fitchburg, MA (1972)
- M.S. in Special Education; Assumption College, Worcester, MA (1975)
- M.Ed. in Special Education Administration; Fordham University, New York City (1980)
- Doctorate of Education (Hon.); University of Massachusetts (2003)
- Doctorate of Education (Hon): Mitchell College (CT – 2007)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- 1972-1974 • Special Education Teacher; Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA
1974-1975 • Educational Supervisor; Eagle Hill School, Hardwick, MA
1975-1987 • Director of Educational Services; Eagle Hill School, Greenwich, CT
1985-1990 • Adjunct Associate Professor; Department of Special Education; Manhattanville College
1987-1990 • Director, Eagle Hill - OUTREACH
1990-1998 • Executive Director; Riverview School, East Sandwich, MA
1998-2001 • President, Riverview School, East Sandwich, MA
2001-Present • Educational Consultant, Visiting Professor, Harvard University, Boston, MA

CONSULTING: Provided consulting services related to Learning Disabilities and Special Education to many organizations and agencies including:

- 400+ school systems in 42 states
- National Center for Learning Disabilities
- Canadian Association for the Learning Disabled
- President's Commission on Rights of the Disabled
- Phi Delta Kappa
- Family Circle Magazine
- Chase Manhattan Bank
- Alabama Rehabilitation Commission
- Alternative Road to Teaching Institute
- Public Broadcasting System
- Yale-New Haven Hospital
- Girl Scouts of America, Inc.
- CBS News
- "I Have a Dream" Foundation
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Atlanta Speech School
- KMOX Radio, St. Louis
- National Tuberosus Sclerosis Association
- International Montessori Association
- Ford Motor Company
- Dyslexia Awareness Foundation
- Schools Attuned
- Council on Youth and Drugs
- LinguiSystems, Inc.
- Child Magazine
- New York Times
- Office of the Governor of South Carolina
- Secondary School Admissions Board
- Connecticut Education Association
- Reading, Inc.
- Channel One
- ABC News
- Syracuse University
- Twenty state chapters LDA
- Walt Disney Studios
- WGBH Television
- MTV
- National Literacy Volunteers
- National Association for Continuing Education
- William Syndrome Association
- Orton Society
- LDonline
- Council for Exceptional Children
- Etta Israel Center
- Charles & Helen Schwab Foundation
- Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities
- Ennis Cosby Foundation

MEDIA:

- National Television appearances on The Today Show, ABC News, CBS Morning Program, Channel One, Between the Lines, Connie Martinson Show and Good Morning America
- PBS pledge piece “Richard Lavoie’s It’s So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Learning Disabled Child find Social Success” (Spring, 2006)
- AUTHOR of “It’s So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success: (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster – 2005) • Contributed to articles and series in "Child Magazine", "Family Circle", "New York Times", "Their World"
- Authored articles published in "Learning Disabilities Journal", "Their World", "Parents Together"
- VIDEOS: Served as Executive Producer and talent for the award winning videos: - "How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop" (1989) - "Last One Picked First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities" (1994) - "When the Chips Are Down: Behavior Management and the Learning Disabled Child" (1996), “Beyond F.A.T. City: A Look Back, A Look Ahead (2004), “It’s So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success: (2005)
- Received Golden Apple Award; National Association of Educational Media; 1991 and 1996
- Featured in PBS Documentary Misunderstood Minds (2002)

RICHARD D. LAVOIE, M.S., M.Ed. HONORS/AWARDS:

*Recipient of the Learning Disabilities Association of America’s Sam Kirk Award (2009)

- White House Citation (1990) for efforts on behalf of Learning Disabled
- Nominated, elected, Learning Disabilities Association "Hall of Fame" (1990)
- Nominated, elected, Professional Advisory Board, Learning Disabilities Association of America (1993 – 2005)
- Guest Lecturer at several universities, including:

University of Kansas	Stanford University
University of Pennsylvania	University of Saskatchewan
Harvard University	Fordham University
Union College	College of the Nazarene
University of New Mexico	University of Delaware
Yale University	Gallaudet University
University of Louisiana	Rutgers University
University of Tennessee	Melbourne (AUS) University
Sacred Heart University	University of Western Australia
Syracuse University	Dunedin (NZ) University
College of New Rochelle	Wollongong (AUS) University
University of Utah	

• President, Connecticut Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (1987 - 1989) •

Nominated, elected, Who's Who in American Education; 1990, 1992

- Board of Directors, Learning Disabilities Association of Massachusetts; (1993 - 1995)

SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Opening Keynote: International Dyslexia Association Conference (2008)
- Keynote: American Speech and Hearing Association (2008)
- Opening Keynote; Gallaudet University Language Disorder Conference (1998)
- Opening Keynote; Williams Syndrome Association Conference (1999)

- Opening Keynote; International Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Salt Lake City (1997)
- Opening Keynote; International Conference on the Exceptional Child (1989)
- Opening Keynote; International Conference of Learning Disabilities Association (1990, 1995, 2009)
- Opening Keynote; International Conference of Children with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD) (1993 and 1998)
 - President's Banquet Address; International Conference of Learning Disabilities Association (1991, 1999, 2006)
- Opening Keynote; Learning Disabilities Association of Canada (1987 and 1990)
- Keynote, National Language Conference; (1988, 1993 and 2000)
- Keynote-, Harvard University, Learning Disorders Conference (1995, 1998, 2005, 2006, 2009).
- Over 2500 Keynotes and workshops to schools, institutions and agencies throughout North America, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong