

## Parents Please Join Us

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:00-7:30 p.m.

15002 N 32<sup>nd</sup> St. Phoenix, AZ 85032

Paradise Valley USD

District Administrative Center - Governing Board Room

### Deconstructing Barriers to Learning

With Dr. Alison E. F. Reuter, PhD, ABDpN



The Neuropsychology of Learning Differences for All Learners including Gifted and Special Needs.

- ADHD/Executive Functioning
- Learning Disabilities, including Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, and Dyscalculia
- Anxiety and its impact on learning

Children with learning differences often present with a variety of learning characteristics, and sometimes do not fit neatly into specific "diagnoses." In this presentation, we will talk about the different types of learning characteristics or challenges that are common among broader diagnoses (listed above). We will learn about different types of dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia, as well as the different types of executive functions that contribute to learning. We will also highlight the role of anxiety in undermining optimal learning, and how anxiety can co-occur and exacerbate other learning challenges.

**About the Speaker:** Dr. Alison Reuter is an Arizona licensed psychologist, board certified in pediatric neuropsychology. Dr. Reuter works in private practice where she conducts evaluations (both private and forensic), and also provides family and professional consultation and counseling. In addition, Dr. Reuter works within an acute inpatient medical setting at Encompass Health Valley of the Sun Rehabilitation Hospital, specializing in evaluation of and support for individuals with acquired brain injuries. Dr. Reuter also provides in-home services for children and adolescents with brain injury as a part of an interdisciplinary team through Rehab Without Walls' Home and Community Program. She is the board president of the Arizona Psychology Training Consortium, which creates and oversees quality postdoctoral training sites throughout the state.

Dr. Reuter completed her doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology at Arizona State University. She completed a one-year internship and a two-year post-doctoral residency in neuropsychology at Beljan Psychological Services through the Arizona Psychology Training Consortium. She earned a Master's degree in Asian Religion from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Ethics at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Illinois.

Be connected via our monthly UPC Meetings, Parent Seminars, e-bulletins & website: [pvupc.org](http://pvupc.org)