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The Academy of
Orton-Gillingham
Practitioners and Educators

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Facts about the Academy

- Incorporated March 1995-NY state Ed. Law
- Empowered by Bd of Regents to:
 - Establish and maintain professional and ethical standards for its practitioners
 - Certify individuals and accredit institutions
 - Promote public awareness of dyslexia and effectiveness of O-G approach

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Membership

- As of Oct. 2006---900 members in 38 states, 1 territory, 8 countries
- 3 levels of competence:
 - Fellow and certified members=fully qualified practitioners
 - Associate members = basic course and work under a fellow

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Members cont'd

- Subscribers=only had 10 hour intro course
- Board of trustees—fellows trained by the founders(firsthand or now secondhand)
- Founders: Samuel T. Orton, June L. Orton, Anna Gillingham, Bessie Stillman, and Paula Dozier-Rome

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Accredited Training Programs

- Assets School(HI) CamperdownAc.(SC)
- Commonwealth Learning Center(MA)
- Consortium of Literacy Ed.(MA)
- Garside Institute(MA) Greenhills(NC)
- Kildonan(NY) Pine Ridge(VT)
- Ravinia Reading CT(IL) Riverside (VA)
- Reading Center/DIM(MN) Sandhills(SC)
- Reading Clinic(Bermuda) Schenck(GA)

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Accredited schools,clinics &camps for students

- Assets School(HI) CamperdownAc.(SC)
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- Marburn Ac.(OH) Durango Camp(CO)
- Carroll school(MA) Trident Academy(SC)

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Primary goal of the O-G Academy

- Orton-Gillingham is an approach that prepares the practitioner to individualize instruction to meet the specific needs of each learner.
- The rate, pace and duration of instruction are determined by the needs(and success) of the learner.

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Levels of Membership

Subscriber Member:

- Completed 10 hr. coursework based on subscriber curriculum
- Introduced to the approach
- Not qualified to teach using the Orton-Gillingham approach

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Associative member:

- Completed 60 hrs. coursework based on the Associate curriculum
- 100 hours supervised practicum over at least 8 month period
- Can provide O-G instruction under supervision of Fellow

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Certified member

- Has completed 160 hrs. of coursework, includes Associative courses
- 300 hrs. supervised practicum, includes Associate practicum
- Can work with students independently

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Fellow member

- 250 hrs. coursework
- 600 hrs. supervised practicum
- Qualified to provide instructional at all levels
