

# Connect, Learn, Advocate: Our First Two Years



- Dec. 2016- BVKID born
- Jan 2017 -Mission statement, goals, and logo adopted
- BVKID Website established
- BVKID Facebook page established
- First Year Budget- \$200 (10 people chipped in \$20 each to buy an Experience Dyslexia simulation kit)
- BVKID flyers made in Spanish and English
- 100+ parents and students speak at board of education meetings about dyslexia
- Quarterly Newsletter to 400 people
- Non-Profit incorporation May 2017
- Board of Education invests 1.2 million targeted for dyslexia
- We serve on:
  - BVSD Dyslexia Advisory Committee (DAT)
  - BVSD Dyslexia Assessment Committee
  - BVSD Dyslexia Implementation Team (DIT)
  - CDE Dyslexia Focus Group
  - CDE READ Plan Task Force
  - Special education and literacy materials adoption committees
- Wilson Just Words approved for special education
- Foundations approved for all students in K-1
- Adoption of a diagnostic screener, CORE PHONICS and RAN
- BVSD has trained 78 interventionists and teachers in Orton Gillingham
- Struggling Readers Symposiums at CU:
  - 2017: 100 people attended, guest speaker Jonathan Mooney
  - 2018: 150 people attended, guest speaker Chris Anthony
- Founding member of COKID (Statewide association of "KID" groups)
- Community outreach
- Tee shirts made
- Happy hours
- Picnics
- Kids panel
- EL PASO Summit
- Small Business Expo
- Dyslexia awareness tables at Barnes and Noble and local libraries
- Support group meetings offered
- Library presentation guest speaker Kathy Sherman
- IDA Experience Dyslexia Simulations
  - 4 open to general public
  - 6 to local schools
- 655 Facebook followers
- Expert Advice to community members
- Dyslexia Awareness Presentation to ALL K-5 teachers (500) and principals (30) in BVSD
- Scholarships for 6 teachers to be OG trained
- Guest Speakers at monthly meetings:
  - Barbara Wise PhD, developer of Linguistic Remedies
  - Alisa Dorman MEd, CDE Executive Director of Literacy
  - Valerie Tucker MEd, Advocate who helped changed dyslexia laws in TX
- Story by CPR education reporter Jenny Brundin featuring BVKID co-president Caron Trout
- Interview of BVKID co-president Michael Bucey on Colorado Matters
- Letter to the Daily Camera co-president Caron Trout
- Struggling Readers Symposiums and Experience Dyslexia Simulations featured in the Daily Camera
- Mesa Elementary trains all teachers in OG
- Fundraisers:
  - Chipotle
  - Lucky's
  - Barnes and Noble gift wrapping
  - Murphys
  - Amazon Smile
  - King Soopers
  - Car donations
  - Online peer-to-peer networking