

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the educational interests of children with disabilities since 1972.

Has experienced staff available to assist individuals or groups with information regarding preschool and school age special education services, early intervention contacts and referrals.

Offers free inservice trainings for parents and professionals in Ohio on various special education topics.



**Do you know a student
or child who has
difficulty reading?**

Contact Amy Freeman

The M4RA Program includes:

- Engaging materials for students reading at K-6th grade levels
- Guidance to schools for assessing students, planning lessons, mentor recruitment and mentor training
- Easy to follow lessons for mentors

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The Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement Program



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The Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement Program (M4RA)

is the coming together of parents, schools and volunteers to support reading achievement for all students who struggle in reading.



"We, as parents and professionals, must take an active role in school reform using evidence-based programs. M4RA is an evidence-based program."

Margaret Burley, Executive Director Emeritus of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement

What is M4RA?

- 1:1 reading mentoring for students reading below grade level
- 30 minute sessions 4 times per week—before, during, or after school

Who is eligible?

- All Public or Private Schools

What will schools receive?

At no cost:

- 1 full day of Reading Mentoring Instruction for key staff
- 1/2 day of Reading Mentoring Instruction
- 2 Resource Guide Books per school
- Ongoing Consultation for support

Why 1:1 reading mentoring?

- Research demonstrates that students can make month for month reading level gains when mentored 3-4 times per week
- Increased self confidence which paves the way for reading success

Program Content

The program content for M4RA comes from www.readinga-z.com.

The M4RA trainers use Reading A-Z's "Tutoring and Mentoring Packs" when instructing schools for implementing the 1:1 reading mentoring program for their students.

Student Participation

The M4RA program can benefit students who are/have:

- At Risk
- Autism
- Intellectual Disability (Cognitive Disability)
- English Language Learner (ELL)
- Emotional Disturbance
- Multiple Disabilities
- Specific Learning Disability
- Speech or Language Impairment