

## **Provident Charter School Foundation Becomes a Wilson® Accredited Training Partner Designation expands opportunities for teachers to earn Wilson Dyslexia Practitioner certification**

Pittsburgh, PA– (February 3, 2023) – The Provident Charter School Foundation has received Wilson® Accredited Training Partner status from Wilson Language Training. The designation will allow the foundation to expand its services to train and certify educators in the Wilson Reading System (WRS), a nationally recognized multisensory structured literacy program widely used to support students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities.

As an accredited training partner, the Provident Charter School Foundation is now licensed by Wilson to provide professional learning, including courses and certifications, to school districts and teachers in the highly regarded Wilson Reading System® (WRS) program. This designation affirms that the foundation meets Wilson’s standards for excellence in the delivery of its professional learning programs and adheres to ethical business practices when managing those services. The Wilson Reading System is an intensive reading program for students (grades 2-12) and adults with a language-based learning disability, such as dyslexia. It is an explicit, multisensory structured literacy program based on Orton-Gillingham principles and directly and systematically teaches the structure of the English language.

WRS is a cornerstone of student literacy instruction at Provident Charter School, which has been implementing WRS since 2016. Currently, there are 31 staff members who have earned the WRS Level I Certification and are credentialed Wilson® Dyslexia Practitioners (W.D.P.). Seven teachers have also continued on to complete the WRS Level II Certification and received the Wilson® Dyslexia Therapist (W.D.T.) credential. Currently, eight additional teachers are completing the WRS Level I Certification. They are supported by the Director of Professional Development, Dr. Mindy Bramer, who is a Wilson® Credentialed Trainer (W.C.T.).

“The Wilson Language Training® Accredited Training Partner designation is an important milestone for Provident Charter School Foundation in becoming recognized as providing authentic Wilson® instruction and provides the foundation the opportunity to effectively prepare teachers to help their struggling students become fluent, independent readers ,” explains Judy Nicholas, Wilson’s Director of Partner Relations. “We are proud to welcome Provident Charter School Foundation into our family of accredited partners across the country.”

The mission of the Provident Charter School Foundation is to expand the mission of Provident Charter School, which is designed for children with dyslexia and other language-based learning differences to access their potential by providing a high-quality, well-rounded education that is delivered through multisensory instructional methods and individual learning plans.

Meeting the rigorous requirements for Partner accreditation, and the ability to deliver Wilson professional learning courses is a significant achievement. With the new accredited training partner status, Provident Charter School Foundation intends to offer WRS support to adults and educators who want to help children learn to read.

“Our journey to become a Wilson Accredited Partner school has been very rewarding because this partnership allows us to prepare many teachers to effectively help struggling students become fluent, independent readers” says Dr. Bramer.

Wilson Language Training and Wilson® Accredited Partners are accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). Wilson Reading System Levels I and II Certifications have both been awarded the Accreditation PLUS designation, which recognizes that they align with the IDA's Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading and produce educators who have engaged in intensive supervised practicum experiences that promote applied mastery of the principles and practices of structured literacy.

For more information, visit <https://www.providentcharterschool.org/>.

#### About Wilson Language Training®

Wilson is a pioneer in foundational literacy and dyslexia support for reading and spelling success. Our mission is to provide quality professional learning and ongoing support, so educators have the skills and tools they need to help their students become fluent, independent readers. For over 30 years, Wilson has advanced this mission through its multisensory Structured Literacy programs and teacher training opportunities, which are backed by a commitment to the sciences of reading and implementation. Our Wilson Reading System®, Foundations®, and Just Words® programs are aligned with the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and Response to Intervention (RtI) frameworks. Approximately 250,000 educators have participated in Wilson courses and workshops, and more than 25,000 have completed Level I Certification training in the Wilson Reading System, which is based on Orton-Gillingham principles and accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA).[AP1]

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