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## Biography

Author of *Nonverbal Learning Disabilities: A Guide to School Success* (May 2006), Dr. Dean Mooney is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist - Doctorate, and a Licensed School Psychologist in the state of Vermont. He has received National Certification in the United States as a School Psychologist and is also licensed to practice clinical psychology in Ontario, Canada - his birthplace.

Maple Leaf Clinic (Vermont), founded by Dr. Mooney, focuses on assessments of children, adolescents and adults (educational, psychological, neuropsychological), therapy over the lifespan, consultation (clinical and educational), supervision, and professional development. Maple Leaf Clinic is also proud to sponsor Camp Maple Leaf, a weeklong summer and winter camp that caters to the social needs and relaxation skills of campers with Nonverbal Learning Disabilities, Asperger Syndrome, and High Functioning Autism.

In addition to Maple Leaf Clinic, Dr. Mooney has worked as a School Psychologist for 22 years. This role in the educational arena has included providing clinical supervision (individual and group) to numerous clinical staff across several disciplines. In addition, he is an Adjunct Professor for the College of St. Joseph, Norwich University and Castleton State College in Vermont, and Union College in Ohio.

Dr. Mooney is a well-known and popular presenter, especially on the topic of Nonverbal Learning Disabilities. He frequently presents for school districts across the United States, as well as for national organizations such as: the Williams Syndrome Association, the Turner Syndrome Society, and the Magic Foundation. He has presented across the U.S., Canada and England.

Dr. Mooney is proud to be a member of the Health Advisory Board of the Turner Syndrome Society of the United States, the Professional Advisory Board for The College Internship Program at The Brevard Center, Melbourne, Florida and The Berkshire Center, Lee, Massachusetts, the Professional Advisory Board of ASPEN (Asperger Syndrome Education Network), and a member of the Board of Pine Ridge School in Vermont.

## Presentation Topics

### **Nonverbal Learning Disabilities:**

#### ***From Diagnosis Through Interventions for Home and School***

Dr. Mooney's presentation will provide participants with an overview of Nonverbal Learning Disabilities (NLD) and how this diagnosis can affect the student and their classroom setting. The discussion will include brain structure and functions, developmental manifestations, assessment/diagnosis, and will place particular emphasis on interventions for both home and school. Case studies will be presented and a question and answer session will be included. Each participant will receive handouts written by Dr. Mooney.

#### **At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:**

- Define a Nonverbal Learning Disability
- Discuss the battery of tests recommended for diagnosing NLD
- Identify the eight diagnostic criteria for NLD
- Identify at least four neurological diseases, disorders and/or dysfunctions that are closely related to NLD
- Identify at least four suggested interventions to assist the student with NLD

### **Sample Schedule**

8:30-10:00 am

- What is a Nonverbal Learning Disability?
- Prevalence of NLD found in the normal population
- What is the neuropsychological basis for NLD?

10:30-Noon

- Development of NLD
- Typical developmental presentation of a child with NLD
- Four neurological disease disorders/dysfunctions related to NLD

Noon- Break

1:00-2:30 pm

- The diagnosis of NLD
- Eight diagnostic criteria for diagnosing NLD
- Battery of recommended tests for diagnosing NLD

2:45-4:15 pm

- Interventions for the Individual with NLD
- Useful interventions for the home environment
- Useful interventions for the student with NLD
- Therapeutic Interventions
- The importance of Social Skills Development

## **Presentation Topics**

### **Understanding Individuals with Asperger's Syndrome, NLD, or High-Functioning Autism**

The goal of this full day seminar is to provide ideas, strategies, models and interventions that are comprehensive and proactive to maximize the potential of individuals with Asperger's Syndrome or high functioning autism. A history of the disorders will be discussed, as well as identification and assessment of the issue, planning for the future success, and an open discussion of individuals Asperger's Syndrome, nonverbal learning disabilities, or high functioning autism. This seminar is designed for special education teachers, administrators, classroom teachers, instructional aides, police liaisons, attorneys, mental health providers and parents.

#### **At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:**

- Discuss the history of Asperger's Syndrome, NLD and High-Functioning Autism
- Identify diagnostic criteria
- Review identification and assessment

#### **Sample Schedule**

8:30-10:00 am

- History of the disorders
- Developmental manifestations
- Manifestations in neurological disease, disorder and dysfunction

10:30-Noon

- Neuropsychological presentation
- Diagnostic criteria
- Identification and assessment

Noon- Break

1:00-2:30 pm

- Hot Topics/Issues
- Social/Emotional Characteristics

2:45-4:15 pm

- Planning for success
- Resources available
- Final thoughts on individuals with Asperger's Syndrome, NLD, High-Functioning Autism

**To meet your specific needs, presentations on other topics can be arranged.**

## **Attendee Comments**

### **New Jersey**

“Dr. Mooney was thoroughly enjoyable and his sense of humor made the presentation very likeable.”

“Really enjoyable and clear! Thank you.”

### **Maine**

“Dr. Mooney was informative, realistic, and provided great analogies to back up research and bring information into a non-clinical vocabulary. I wish there were more psychologists accessible of his caliber. Thank you.”

“Dean Mooney was a great speaker, knowledgeable yet kept my interest and included humor.”

### **Illinois**

“I found Dr. Mooney to be very knowledgeable and able to present concepts at many different levels for parents and professionals. He presented information then connected it to real life examples. Well done and informative! Thank you.”

“Dr. Mooney is incredibly engaging, knowledgeable, and down to earth. Excellent!”

“Dr. Mooney did an excellent job. He kept my interest with his visuals and examples from own practice and life.”

“Dr. Mooney is very engaging and it’s obvious that he really knows the subject. He gave many educational strategies that will be helpful to me as a teacher.”

### **New York**

“Wow! What a wonderful speaker! He was organized, kept great pace, sense of humor – just great! I’d come back to listen to him for a whole day!”

“I appreciate Dr. Mooney’s style and humor in dealing with a subject that sometimes can be fraught with complexities and dim predictions. It was so nice to be able to laugh again. Thank you!”

### **Pennsylvania**

“Dr. Mooney was an exceptional presenter. I loved his very understandable explanations and examples. Dr. Mooney could have captured my interest all day!”

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is Dr. Mooney's current availability for speaking engagements?**

Dr. Mooney's availability varies depending upon Clinic schedules and other speaking engagements. It is best to first call the Maple Leaf Clinic office to see if Dr. Mooney is available to present.

### **What are Dr. Mooney's travel and accommodation requirements?**

A speaking engagement that is over six hours driving time from Vermont or 400 miles requires standard airfare and accommodations. Presentations within 2-6 hours driving time require mileage reimbursement plus accommodations. Presentations within two hours driving time or 150 miles require only mileage reimbursement. Accommodations (the number of nights) will vary depending on the time the organization requests for the presentation and available/reasonable travel/flight times.

### **Once the speaking engagement date is secured, what happens next?**

After submitting a presentation request form and your date is secured, you will receive a written contract with all of the details regarding the presentation.

### **What about handouts?**

Dr. Mooney's presentations are enhanced with PowerPoint slides. About a month before your conference or workshop, Dr. Mooney will send handouts to your organization with signed restricted permission to print a copy for each of your participants. Handout originals must be returned to Dr. Mooney.

## Presentation Fees

Full Day - 6 Hours (1 hour lunch break, 2 x 15 minute breaks) = \$2,000 US + Travel\*

Half Day - 3 Hours (1 - 15 minute break) = \$1,200 US + Travel\*

### *\*Travel*

Within 2 hours driving time or 150 miles = \$.445/mile

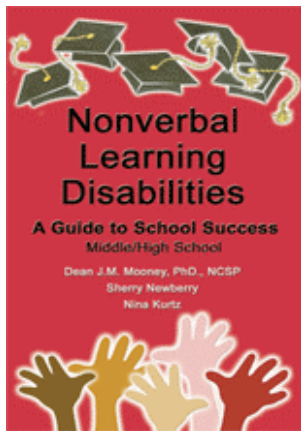
Within 2-6 hours driving time or 400 miles = \$.445/mile + Hotel Accommodations

Over 6 hours driving time or 400 miles = Standard Airfare + Hotel Accommodations + \$1,000 (travel time)

### *\*Minimum booking requirement:*

Although the actual presentation time may be less, the half-day rate is the minimum that your organization will be charged. If the presentation requires traveling distances greater than two hours, the minimum requirement is the full-day rate.

## NLD: A Guide to School Success



by Dr. Dean J. M. Mooney, Sherry Newberry & Nina Kurtz

This book shares the experience of three professionals who work with students with NLD in a variety of settings. Whether it is how to best present a writing assignment or how to ask a classmate to a dance, the authors have come to appreciate these students as creative, informed and personable. Rather than focusing on the limitations of this disability, these authors believe that with a quality comprehensive evaluation, a well-informed team, appropriate approaches, and the input of the student, academic and social success can be achieved!

Your organization may purchase multiple copies of Dr. Mooney's book, *NLD: A Guide to School Success*, at a trade discount rate for sale at your conference. The retail price is \$19.95, but your organization can purchase copies at a 40% discount (\$11.97) and sell at the retail rate. This option allows your organization to generate additional income from Dr. Mooney's presentation while enhancing the learning experience for conference attendees.



## Presentation Request Form

General Information Initial request made by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Organization sponsoring engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Our organization is a:

\_\_\_\_\_ Local, county or state school district \_\_\_\_\_ Non-profit \_\_\_\_\_ Private entity

Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address:

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Complete billing address, including billing contact:

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Person to contact throughout scheduling process:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Dr. Dean Mooney's presentations and workshops?

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Has Dr. Mooney spoken for your organization before? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Indicate the type of presentation requested:

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Presentation topic requested:

There is a list of presentation topics included but specific topics can be arranged at your request.

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Desired length of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired date of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there flexibility regarding dates (If so, list alternatives): \_\_\_\_\_

Starting and ending time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of anticipated participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest airport: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ YES, We would like to purchase \_\_\_ copies of Dr. Mooney's book, *NLD: A Guide to School Success*, to re-sell at our conference.

Our tax id # is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ YES, Please list Dr. Mooney's speaking engagement on the MLC Web site

\_\_\_ NO, Do not list Dr. Mooney's speaking engagement on the MLC Web site

Thank you for your interest in having Dr. Dean Mooney present at your conference or workshop. Please make sure all information has been provided and return the form to the contact information listed below:

Please complete (print clearly) and mail or fax to:

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Wallingford, VT 05773

802-446-3801 (fax)

All requests will be reviewed within one week of receipt.