



About the Author

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In 1964, Phyllis received her master's degree in speech and language pathology from the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. She has been a faculty member at colleges and universities as well as in public and private schools. She has conducted evaluations and family training and developed family-centered therapy programs for children with ASD and hyperlexia throughout the United States and in several other countries. At CSLD, Phyllis has worked with many individuals from early childhood through adulthood. Through this work, she has gained a unique understanding of how to develop communication and learning at various ages and levels of functioning.

Phyllis has presented workshops and seminars to numerous professional organizations, school districts, and universities; at state and national conferences for the Autism Society of America; and at national and regional conferences for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Speech-Language and Audiology Canada. Topics have included autism spectrum disorders, hyperlexia, social communication, language disorders, reading, and reading comprehension. Phyllis has published articles in journals and newsletters and has produced multimedia products for distribution through CSLD. In addition to this book, she is the author of *The Source for Social Competency* and *The Reading Comprehension Kit for Hyperlexia and Autism, Level 2*, originally published by LinguSystems.

Dedication

To the children and families of CSLD and to the memory of my brother Joe. They have inspired my life's work.

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