



## About Barbara A. Wilson, M.Ed.

Barbara A. Wilson is the co-founder and president of Wilson Language Training, whose mission is to provide professional learning and ongoing support to literacy educators across the country. She has been dedicated to individuals with dyslexia for over 30 years since her work at Massachusetts General Hospital Reading Disabilities Clinic where she taught adults with dyslexia how to read. Barbara authored the *Wilson Reading System*<sup>®</sup> based on that work and reading research. Barbara oversees graduate courses and clinical practicums on teaching reading to students with a language-based learning disability, which lead to Wilson certification. This certification is an integral component for several university programs that are accredited by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA). Barbara provides a voice for students with dyslexia, with presentations – keynotes and workshops – at more than 300 national and international conferences. She has authored a chapter titled, “Instruction for Older Students with a Word-Level Reading Disability,” which is in the third edition of *Multisensory Teaching of Basic Language Skills*, edited by Judith Birsh. She has consulted on several research grants for older students, and was invited to the White House to speak to the President’s Domestic Policy Adviser on Education regarding the issue of literacy in America’s middle and high schools. Barbara also leads Wilson’s work with school districts in their RTI implementations and has authored two additional programs, *Wilson Just Words*<sup>®</sup> for older students with a word-level deficit and *Foundations*<sup>®</sup> for students learning to read in K-3. Barbara currently serves on several committees for IDA and provides professional expertise for other organizations dedicated to reading and dyslexia.