

Session 1: Introduction to Reading Research

- Reading Problems in the US
 - Since 1990's, 27% to 34% of 4th graders read below a basic level
 - SLD is largest category under IDEA
 - 80-85% of students with SLD have reading problems
 - Relationship to behavior and self esteem
 - Graduation, college & career, legal issues
 - Equity issues
- Gap Between Research and Practice in Reading
 - Gap has been documented for
 - Gen ed teachers
 - Remedial teachers
 - Special education teachers
 - Teacher trainers
 - School psychologists
 - Speech pathologists
 - Access to research findings limited
 - 600-800 scientific articles appear each year
 - Reading Wars
- What We Are Missing
 - Ineffective practice of RTI/MTSS