

Welcome to AGC's first newsletter. We hope you'll take a moment to review our postings and learn more about what we do. We often take for granted our ability to read; it just "sorta happened" as we were growing up. But for many, it didn't happen at all. Trying harder or reading more books or working with a reading coach didn't help. Falling further and further behind in school, not able to compete with classmates, caused behavior issues, self-esteem issues, family stress.

AGC is a medical clinic that specializes in learning disorders and takes a neurological approach to treatment. AGC therapists train one brain at a time; the changes last a lifetime, like riding a bicycle. Read about "Mary" in the box below.

TRIX® may be for kids but learning to read is for any and every age. Never too late to learn! For yourself or your child, check out:

[alabamagamechangers.org](http://alabamagamechangers.org)



# Alabama Game Changers

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**Failure is not an option!**

**Read this note from the mom of a girl named "Mary":** "A year ago I wouldn't have dreamed my daughter would be able to pick up and read instructions on her schoolwork, street signs, chapter books, or have options with which school she could attend. Today she can and she does. For the last 7 months we have walked through AGC's doors Mon. through Fri. Not once did Mary complain about going to tutoring or school here. We joke that this is the way her brain always wanted to be taught to read. It made sense to her and what she learned actually stuck. The safe, encouraging, and warm environment you as staff fostered enabled Mary to thrive while pushing her in ways we didn't imagine were possible. A year ago I couldn't see our child's intelligence underneath her dyslexia. AGC has revealed both to Mary and to us how intelligent she has always been. Her confidence and options available to her now are not something we take for granted. But what makes me tear up is how well you have seen and loved our precious girl. To Mary, it is normal to have dyslexia and to be in a place where every tutor, teacher, OT, and staff member call her by name, engage her and give their very best to show her she has dignity and is worth it and has what it takes. She will never know what school and life could have been like had she never walked through your doors. We are deeply thankful to God for each of you ... and tearful this sweet season is coming to an end. There is nothing quite like watching your child who struggled tremendously in an area overcome. For us, there is nothing quite like watching Mary read. It is such a treasured gift. Would you all continue to pour yourselves out, investing in children. They say it takes a village. Well, we consider it a privilege we have known more than a village but a community and family for our Mary here at AGC."

Q1: What makes AGC different? Aren't you just another reading program?

A1: A reading program assumes there is no obstacle in the brain which prevents learning. AGC tests each brain to diagnose the obstacle to learning, then develops an individualized plan to overcome the obstacle. AGC trains one brain at a time because a one-size-fits-all approach actually fits no one.

Q2: Why is a medical clinic seeking financial contributions?

A2: Very little of what AGC does is covered by insurance. Patient care is delivered by professionals and is expensive. Many children needing intervention cannot afford it. AGC relies on generous donations to help those in need.

## 4 Qs and 4 As

Q3: If I bring my child to AGC, what can I expect?

A3: First, a warm welcome. A meet-n-greet, a tour, some details about how AGC can help. If you choose to move forward, expect a medical exam with thorough history and a review of medications with a pediatrician, a visit with a psychologist, and many tests to learn what is and what isn't working. Expect an individualized plan to be developed so that all involved understand what is required. Parents are the cornerstone of success and are a vital partner in the therapy.

Q4: I'm 52 and have struggled with dyslexia all my life. Is there any help for me?

A4: Yes! Visit our website, click on testimonials, and read the entry by the IT executive.

Do you want to make a difference? Consider this: a gift of water lasts a day, a gift of food lasts a week, but the gift of reading lasts a lifetime and impacts future generations. Teaching a struggling child to read changes that child permanently, and changes the classroom, the current family, the future family, and, over time, the community.

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**The mission of Alabama Game Changers is to promote literacy, prevent academic failure, and eliminate the social and emotional challenges for students with specific learning difficulties.**

Even if you can't help financially, you can help spread the word about AGC. Pass along the enclosed flyer to someone you know who may be struggling in school.

Nothing done for children is ever wasted. – Garrison Keillor