

## **Press Release**

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## **Finding Help with Homework Wars as optometrists discover that Sluggish Visual Skills Lower School Performance**

**Recent literature shows that poor performance in school or even Attention Deficit Disorder and dyslexia symptoms may be the result of poor vision.**

***Vision is more than clarity.*** It's possible that your child may have 20/20 eyesight and still suffer from vision problems. Current research indicates that 4 students in every classroom have an undetected vision problem, leaving teachers and parents frustrated as bright children perform poorly in reading, writing, spelling and math.

“Children in my practice have been labeled as lazy, dyslexic, ADHD, working below potential, slow learners and even juvenile delinquents,” says Dr. Melanie McCarty Thompson, Developmental Optometrist at the Vision Therapy Center in Amarillo. “But the truth is these precious kids simply have trouble with sight-to-brain coordination. And vision therapy can treat that.”

***Children with learning related vision problems rarely report symptoms.*** They think everyone sees the same as they do. But vision is a learned skill, just like learning to walk or to talk. In recent years, games that encourage the development of good vision skills have been replaced by watching television, phone, video and computer screens.

Often, even children who do poorly in sports are simply victims of vision problem. And even top athletes with superior vision systems have chosen vision training to sharpen their skills.

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Vision therapy has helped countless people whose eyesight was excellent but whose vision was not. It works by treating the root of the vision problems, not just the symptoms. ***It's never too late. Children and adults, regardless of age, can be helped to learn, relearn or reinforce vision skills.***

Dr. Thompson is offering a ***FREE workshop for parents, educators and professionals*** who suspect their children may have a visual component to their learning problems. This hands-on workshop, ***The Vision and Learning Link***, is scheduled for ***Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 pm*** and will be held at Vision Therapy Center, 4415 South Georgia in Amarillo.

This cutting edge workshop will teach how to identify children with vision problems and how to build school performance by enhancing vision. Attendees will also learn how the way children see the world affects their behavior, and how and why vision therapy works. Space is limited so call now to reserve your spot. Contact Barbara Howard at (806) 367-9702.

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Dr. McCarty Thompson, O.D., has treated patients through Advanced Eye Care for over 10 years. She practices developmental optometry at Vision Therapy Center, where she has been improving vision and changing lives since 1995.

Vision Therapy Center is a unique practice comprised of a doctor of optometry and highly trained vision therapists. Vision Therapy Center regularly hosts a variety of free workshops for parents, educators and professionals.

To learn more about learning related vision problems, vision therapy or free workshops, visit [www.visiontherapyrocks.com](http://www.visiontherapyrocks.com) or call (806)367-9702.