

## **RICK LAVOIE PRESENTATION**

### **REGISTRATION**

**SEPTA PRESENTATION  
DECEMBER 2, 2008, 7:00 PM**

**Richard Lavoie, M.A., M.Ed.**



Rick Lavoie has served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs since 1972. He holds three degrees in Special Education and has served as an adjunct professor or visiting lecturer at numerous universities including Syracuse, Harvard, Gallaudet, Manhattanville College, University of Alabama and Georgetown. His numerous national television appearances include CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News and Disney Channel Presents.

Rick serves as a consultant on Learning Disabilities to several agencies and organizations including Public Broadcasting Service, New York Times, National Center for Learning Disabilities, Girl Scouts of America, Child Magazine and WETA. He is a member of the Professional Advisor Board of the Learning Disabilities Association.

Rick has delivered his message to over 500,000 parents and professionals throughout North America. He has the distinction of having delivered Keynote Addresses for all three of the major special needs advocacy organizations in the United States (Learning Disabilities Association, Council for Exceptional Children, Children with Attention Deficit Disorder).

Rick has held administrative positions at residential programs for thirty years. These experiences at residential school have provided Rick with a "living laboratory" in which he developed and refined his methods and philosophies related to the education of adolescents with special needs.

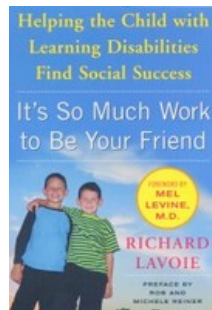
Rick is probably best known for his videos "[How Difficult Can This Be?: The F.A.T. City Workshop](#)" and "[Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities](#)". These award-winning films have brought Rick's sensitive and compelling message to countless thousands throughout the world. After viewing the videos, former First Lady Barbara Bush stated, "You really wowed us! I only wish that every parent and teacher in the United States today could also see your program." His new video on behavior management is entitled "[When the Chips are Down ...](#)" is now available through **LD OnLine**.

Rick lives on Cape Cod with his wife.

### **RICK LAVOIE BOOK INFORMATION**

*It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend:  
Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Achieve Social Success*

*The Motivational Breakthrough:  
Six Secrets to Turning on the Tuned-Out Child.*



Today, with approximately three million American children being treated for learning disabilities, and one in six kids destined to encounter serious difficulties in learning to read, it is vitally important to supplement remedial academics with a strong and focused dedication to dealing with the highly fraught and emotionally confusing social interactions that occupy "the other sixteen hours" of the child's day.

A groundbreaking examination of a long-neglected problem, *It's So Much Work To Be Your Friend* presents solutions that will change the lives of millions of children. (\$18.00)

Lavoie's practical, innovative approach begins with a quiz that helps a parent or teacher identify -- using six different possible models -- a child's motivational style.

He then explores each motivational style in depth, presenting proven techniques, strategies, and scripts that can be used in the classroom and at home to break through a child's apathy and discouragement and inspire him to succeed and achieve.

He gives specific advice throughout for parents and teachers of children with learning disabilities and provides detailed instructions for how to create a motivated classroom. (\$12.00)

