

## **What is Fast ForWord®?**

Based on 30 years of scientific research on how the brain learns, Fast ForWord is an online reading intervention program designed to help students K-12 who are struggling and reading below grade level. The Fast ForWord program develops and strengthens essential cognitive skills for reading and learning success – **memory, attention, processing rate and sequencing**. The strengthening of these skills results in a wide range of improved critical language and reading skills such as phonological awareness, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, decoding, working memory, syntax, grammar – all skills necessary to learn how to read or to become an efficient fluent reader.

## **What is the Fast ForWord Family of Products®?**

### **Fast ForWord Language Series – Elementary Students**

This series of products builds foundational elementary school reading and language skills.

**Fast ForWord Language v2:** This program develops listening accuracy, phonological awareness and language structures to move students toward grade level reading skills.

**Fast ForWord Language to Reading v2:** This program emphasizes the link between spoken and written language to guide students to become proficient grade level readers.

### **Fast ForWord Literacy Series – Middle and High School Students**

This series of products builds foundational middle and high school reading and language skills providing stronger cognitive and literacy skills.

**Fast ForWord Literacy:** This program focuses on listening accuracy and improving phonological awareness and language structures to move students toward grade level reading skills.

**Fast ForWord Literacy Advanced:** This program helps students make the link between spoken words and reading with advanced practice in grammatical structures and comprehension.

### **Fast ForWord Reading Series – Elementary, Middle and High School**

The Fast ForWord Reading Series (Levels 1-5) is a reading intervention program that increases the processing efficiency and builds critical reading skills offering a scientifically proven approach to help students quickly improve reading and comprehension skills. The Reading Series begins with emphasis on early phonemic awareness with focus on decoding strategies

and word recognition. It continues with concentration on reading fluency with focus on phonology and spelling, syntactic complexity, vocabulary and comprehension. Finally advancing to consolidation of reading skills by applying knowledge of word origins, word forms, sentence structures and punctuation rules enhancing reading comprehension and expanding vocabulary.

### ***How Does Fast ForWord® Work?***

The Fast ForWord products use patented technologies that accelerate learning by boosting the brain's ability to process incoming information more efficiently and effectively. By exercising processing skills through intensive adaptive activity, the program leverages the science of brain plasticity to trigger changes in the brain providing a foundation for learning and reading success.

### ***Why Does Fast ForWord® Work?***

Efficient - When the brain's processing skills become more efficient, substantial and quick gains in reading skills are the outcome.

Effective - Scientifically based research in education has shown that with recommended protocol use, Fast ForWord products dramatically improve brain processing efficiency and reading skills. With data gathered independently by schools the program has one of the largest databases of user results in education today.

Enduring – By exercising processing skills actual physical changes occur in the brain that result in enduring gains in language and reading skills, as documented in longitudinal studies.

### ***Is My Child a Candidate?***

Does your child...

- Misunderstand what you say?
- Give slow or delayed responses?
- Struggle to re-tell stories or events of the day?
- Have difficulty following directions?

In School does your child...

- Not read at grade level and/ or have poor spelling?
- Have information/concepts one day...gone the next?
- Struggles to remember instructions and assignments?

## ***How Do I Get My Child Started?***

Call **KidTherapy** to discuss your concerns and see if Fast ForWord® is the right fit for your child. If determined to be an appropriate candidate a schedule will be developed to meet your child's needs with collaboration of work at home or in the clinic. The protocol is five days/week with the daily time schedule customized to your child.

## ***Want To Find Out More?***

The links provided below will provide you with some of the background research and current research on the programs effectiveness. For additional information and access to a broad base of scientific and educational research and studies please go to [www.scilearn.com](http://www.scilearn.com).